

Tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, we will complete the debate on the resolution concerning the constitutional amendment, after which, because of the arrangement which has been made among the parties, we will dispose of second reading of the bill concerning the Roosevelt-Campobello international park. Then we will resume the debate on the flag resolution.

**Mr. Churchill:** I thought it was the understanding that we would not take the flag resolution on any day when it would only be for a limited time, that it would always be a full day's debate. I thought it was the understanding that if we were on legislation and there was some period of time left, an hour or an hour and a half, we would proceed with other legislation.

**Mr. Favreau:** Mr. Speaker, the understanding was that we would not resume the debate on the flag resolution in the middle of the day or at an indeterminate moment. However, I must say that I tried to get agreement today—it is not my hon. friend who did not agree—to fill the day completely in case we had some time left, and I could not get agreement, so I suppose we will have to go on with the flag debate. But I must say that the lack of agreement did not originate with the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre.

**Mr. Churchill:** This is a red letter day.

### THE ROYAL ASSENT

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

**Mr. Speaker** informed the house the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to certain bills:

An act to amend the Farm Credit Act.

An act to amend the National Housing Act, 1954.

An act to amend the Judges Act and the Exchequer Court Act.

An act to amend the Income Tax Act.

An act respecting the Payment of Certain Provincial Taxes and Fees by Crown Corporations.

An act to amend the Bank Act and the Quebec Savings Banks Act.

An act to authorize the construction and maintenance of a bridge across the St. Lawrence river

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between the city of Ste. Foy, in the county of Quebec, and the municipality of St. Nicolas, in the county of Lévis, both in the province of Quebec.

An act to incorporate Canadian Conference of the Brethren in Christ church.

An act respecting the General Accident Assurance company of Canada.

An act respecting Scottish Canadian Assurance Corporation.

An act respecting Allstate Insurance Company of Canada.

An act respecting The Dominion Life Assurance Company.

### PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

(Subject matter of questions debated under adjournment motion)

A motion to adjourn the house under provisional standing order 39A deemed to have been moved:

#### CANADIAN FLAG—INQUIRY RESPECTING DISTRIBUTION OF PLAYING CARDS

**Mr. J. H. Horner (Acadia):** While this might be a frivolous matter for discussion in parliament, I am sure all Canadians across Canada would be shocked to learn that the Department of Trade and Commerce is putting out, publishing and giving away, not only in Canada but all across the world, at trade fairs throughout the world and in New York at the present time, games of chance, games of cards in particular, which to some extent deface what may well be Canada's national flag—Canada's national symbol. Surely, the Canadian public expects more of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

At various times members of parliament use various methods to draw attention to the misguided efforts of government and departments of government. Certainly this is a good example, and I should like to be given some pertinent answers with regard to the publishing of these cards by a spokesman for a government which has a history of being against lotteries and games of chance.

The playing cards are needed to play a game described as "The Canadian Maple Leaf" and a game called "Canadian Timber". These games have similar sets of rules. The rules are published and a copy is included in each pack. This has a direct bearing on a subject which the house has lately been considering, a subject to which the government itself has given priority in debate. The pack consists of four sets of 13 Canadian tree cards—and the three maple leaves are jokers. That is what it says: The three maple leaves are