

panies in Canada, the provincial governments provide certain grants, and since 1920 the federal government has provided financial assistance to meet the expenditures for Canadian participation in the Olympic games every four years. The association has estimated that their total expenditure for the 1948 Olympic games will amount to \$125,000, and the government has been asked to contribute \$35,000 towards this amount. Of this contribution, \$17,500 would be made payable in 1947 and a similar amount in 1948. The government will recommend in the supplementary estimates the payment of these amounts as requested.

The second question the hon. member asked was:

Does the government in any way recommend any of the appointments made in connection with it?

The short answer to this question is no. The Canadian Olympic association is a committee of the amateur athletic union of Canada, which is made up of representatives of the national bodies concerned with various branches of amateur sport. As such, the committee is a purely voluntary and non-official organization. The only connection which the federal government has with the Canadian Olympic association is indirectly through the national council of physical fitness. This council, which is appointed by the governor in council under the National Physical Fitness Act, is made up of one representative recommended by each provincial government and a representative named as chairman by the federal government. The national council of physical fitness was asked last year to send a representative to the meetings of the Canadian Olympic association, and Doctor W. C. Ross of Halifax was named for this purpose.

Mr. RICHARD (Ottawa East): With reference to the statement made by the Prime Minister this afternoon, will the government consider advising Barbara Ann Scott not to compete in the Olympics?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I say that I think there has been altogether too much said on this matter already. For Barbara Ann's sake and the sake of sport generally, I think it would be well if further discussion of the matter were dropped.

Mr. COLDWELL: This is not the proper place to deal with such matters.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK: May I say that we still think in British Columbia that Barbara Ann should have everything that is coming to her.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

NEWFOUNDLAND

PROPOSED VISIT OF DELEGATION TO CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Peel): May I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs if there is any further word with respect to the projected delegation of Newfoundlanders who were to come here to meet this government?

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Communications are being exchanged at the present time to select a date which would meet the mutual convenience of the representatives of Newfoundland and of those here who will have to participate in the conference. On Friday representations were sent to the high commissioner in St. John's, Newfoundland, asking him to put them before the Newfoundland representatives and to let us have their comment upon them.

Mr. GRAYDON: Will it be while parliament is sitting?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: That is one of the matters upon which their comment has been invited. The hope had been expressed that the meeting might be early in June. We have not been able to state at what time the session of parliament will be concluded. We are giving them the information we have about the dates that might be available and convenient, and we are asking them to let us know what their preference would be.

DOMINION ELECTIONS

HALIFAX BY-ELECTION—NOMINATION OF J. H. DICKEY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. G. A. CRUICKSHANK (Fraser Valley): I should like to address a question to the Secretary of State, who I understand is in charge of elections in Canada. In view of the great interest displayed by the hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard (Mr. Merritt) in the Halifax by-election, is the minister aware that the biggest and most enthusiastic convention in the history of the maritimes last Friday nominated J. H. Dickey, who will win the election?

Hon. COLIN GIBSON (Secretary of State): I have not received a report of the convention.

IMPORT AND EXPORT CONTROLS

VISIT OF GRAHAM TOWERS TO ENGLAND

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ALAN COCKERAM (York South): I should like to direct a question either to the