

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 8, 1951

The house met at three o'clock.

## ATHLETICS

REFERENCE TO AWARD TO THE MEMBER FOR TRINITY

**Mr. Daniel McIvor (Fort William):** Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege and admiration, may I say that never in the last fifty years has there been a House of Commons which had among its membership so many outstanding athletes as has this one. We have a champion wrestler, a rugby champion, a soccer champion, champion curler and champion tennis player. My question of privilege is that we in this house have a champion boxer, champion rugby and champion hockey and lacrosse player in the person of the hon. member for Trinity (Mr. Conacher). He is hailed across Canada as the greatest athlete of our time.

**Mr. Lionel Conacher (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, it was very kind of the hon. member for Fort William (Mr. McIvor) to bring to the attention of the house the fact that I was awarded this mythical title covering the last fifty years in sport. I should like also at this time to thank the hon. member for Athabaska (Mr. Dechene) for his kind remarks on my behalf the other day.

I realize that this house has before it too many important problems to be concerned with such matters as this. However, I should like to say that I believe that sport has its proper place in our way of life, and that, while overdone in many instances, it has served a useful purpose, particularly among the younger generation, as it helps them to develop their bodies; and a healthy body, I am sure we all agree, develops a healthy mind.

I should like to say that in the last fifty years I have played with and against many great teams; and on more occasions than one I was in the position of either starting or helping to stop the attack. In my present position in this house I have been relegated to the bench, in a sense; but I feel quite satisfied with this position on such a fine team as we have here, which is quite capable of carrying the heavy burden placed on its shoulders in these trying days.

I should like to thank the house for bearing with me in the time I have taken in acknowledging the kind remarks of the hon. member for Fort William.

## BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION—  
CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROVINCES

**Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to lay on the table the French translation of correspondence between the Minister of Justice (Mr. Garson) and provincial premiers, of which the English version was placed on the table on March 6.

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. W. G. Weir (Portage-Neepawa)** moved:

That the name of Mr. Campney be substituted for that of Mr. Winkler on the select standing committee on public accounts.

Motion agreed to.

## EXPORT AND IMPORT PERMITS

AMENDMENT TO EXTEND LIFE OF ACT UNTIL  
JULY 31, 1954

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce)** moved the first reading of Bill No. 130 (from the Senate) to amend the Export and Import Permits Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

## QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

INCOME TAX—FARMERS—PROPERTY SOLD FOR  
NON-PAYMENT

**Mr. Argue:**

1. On how many farmers, by provinces, have exchequer court writs been served following non-payment of income tax in each year from 1940-1950 inclusive, and what was the total amount involved, by provinces, and by years, in the exchequer court writs referred to in this question?
2. What was the value of farm property sold for non-payment of income tax at sheriff's sale or by any other means, by provinces, in each year from 1940 to 1950 inclusive?