

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 10, 1955

The house met at eleven o'clock.

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TABLING OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION REPORT RESPECTING STAFF

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to lay on the table of the house the report of the civil service commission respecting the organization of the staff of the House of Commons.

EXPLANATION OF MAP OF CANADA IN RAILWAY COMMITTEE ROOM

Hon. George Prudham (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, several hon. members have been asking about the new large map which is hanging in the railway committee room. It takes the place of the former map which had become obsolete. The new map, which is now in place, is 15 feet by 16½ feet, being much deeper than the former map in order to show the far north. It required a very special paper, which had to be welded and mounted on a large sheet of canvas. There was no firm in this country capable of doing that work; it had to be done in Great Britain. It took two years to complete the map. The work was done by skilled craftsmen of the Department of Mines and Technical Services, assisted by other skilled technicians, several of whom are new Canadians.

The new map is on the scale of 20 miles to the inch. It has been photographed and reduced to a scale of 25 miles to the inch, to be used by civil and national defence authorities. All railway lines are marked, including new extensions such as the new line from Terrace to Kitimat in British Columbia. The highways are also marked including the trans-Canada highway, the Mackenzie highway and the Alaska highway.

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Paul E. Gagnon (Chicoutimi): I should like to ask the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys what was the cost of the map now in the railway committee room?

Hon. George Prudham (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): The estimated cost of the map was about \$6,000 when it was started, and my department tell me that they are well within that appropriation.

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PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

CONCURRENCE IN THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. G. R. McWilliam (Northumberland-Miramichi) presented the third report of the standing committee on privileges and elections, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, it is not my purpose to debate this motion. I trust the house will pass it and that the government will meet the recommendation that—

Mr. Speaker: Order. This motion is not debatable.

Mr. Knowles: On what basis, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker: On the basis that it is not a motion about which the necessary notice was given in *Votes and Proceedings*. The hon. member may object to its passing, by leave, but—

Mr. Knowles: Since I do not object, I shall not do so, Mr. Speaker. I am glad to see the motion pass.

Motion agreed to.

NATIONAL REVENUE

QUESTION OF ALLEGED ANOMALOUS POSITION OF MINISTER

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. Having regard to the code of rules placed on record by the Minister of Finance, will the Prime Minister tell the house what he is going to do about the anomalous position of the Minister of National Revenue under those rules?

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): When I have any information to communicate to the house in that regard I shall do it on my own initiative.

TRANSPORT

RAILWAY AGREED CHARGES—REPRESENTATIONS BEFORE STANDING COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. M. Campbell (The Battlefords): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Marler) and I regret that I have not been able to send him notice. Is it the intention of the government