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that valuation for duty purposes is not a central feature in the great disparity of trade between Canada and Great Britain. In a country where we depend upon the British market, particularly for the sale of large quantities of wheat and other raw materials, I think the government should be giving consideration to why there is such a complete disparity between the sales by Great Britain to Canada as related to our exports to the United Kingdom.

I hope the minister will avail himself of an early opportunity to discuss the matter in the house and give the house the information which he gave the British government and British businessmen. Certainly we have not had that information, and none of these arguments has been presented to parliament.

**REDISTRIBUTION****PROVISION FOR BOUNDARIES COMMISSIONS AND READJUSTMENT OF REPRESENTATION**

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-72, to provide for the establishment of electoral boundaries commissions to report upon the readjustment of the representation of the provinces in the House of Commons, and to provide for the readjustment of such representation in accordance therewith.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, may I rise on a point of order and inquire why, with respect to this bill, you have not issued any caveat as you did with respect to the other bills which have been introduced this session. I am wondering whether there is some distinction between the Prime Minister and everybody else in the house in this regard.

**Mr. Speaker:** I take it that is a semi-face-tious question; I hope it is. But in case it is not, I think it is quite obvious that a Speaker faced with some 67 private bills within a few days would find it physically impossible to give the required attention to all. On the other hand, the Prime Minister is introducing a bill which has been carefully considered, I assume, by the cabinet and/or the legal officers of the House of Commons, and it is not in the same position.

**MERCHANT SEAMEN COMPENSATION ACT****AMENDMENTS RESPECTING COMPENSATION ON INJURY OR DEATH**

**Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of Labour)** moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Merchant Seamen Compensation Act

(a) to reduce the length of time a seaman must be disabled before compensation is payable to him;

(b) to increase the maximum amount payable as burial expenses for a seaman who dies from an injury;

(c) to provide that the compensation payable for or to dependent children of a seaman who dies from an injury may, with the approval of the merchant seamen compensation board, be paid to each such child under the age of twenty one years who is attending school;

(d) to increase the minimum rate of compensation required to be paid to an injured seaman for temporary or permanent total disability; and

(e) to provide for the payment out of the consolidated revenue fund of additional compensation to the widows and dependent children of seamen who died prior to 1st June, 1957 from injuries; and to make certain other amendments for the better administration of the act.

Motion agreed to.

**HOUSE OF COMMONS****ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE**

On the order: Government notices of motions:

That a special committee be appointed to continue, with Mr. Speaker, the consideration of procedure and organization of this house, begun by a special committee at the past session, for the purpose of suggesting any changes that would assure the more expeditious dispatch of public business and would strengthen parliament and make it more effective; that the committee have power to send for persons and papers; that it report from time to time its findings and recommendations to the house; and that it consist, in addition to Mr. Speaker, of 14 members to be designated at a later date.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to section 2 of standing order 21, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the house.

**DEFENCE****APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

On the order: Government notices of motions:

That a special committee be appointed to continue the consideration of matters relating to defence begun by the special committee at the past session and to report from time to time its observations and opinions thereon;

That the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and to examine witnesses;

That it be empowered to adjourn from place to place;

That the minutes of the proceedings and evidence taken by the special committee at the past session be referred to the said committee and made a part of the records thereof; and

That the committee consist of 24 members to be designated by the house at a later date, and that standing order 67(1) be suspended in relation thereto.