

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 23, 1949

The house met at eleven o'clock.

PIPE LINES BILLS

REFERENCE TO REPORT IN OTTAWA "CITIZEN"
OF NOVEMBER 23

Mr. Solon E. Low (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I rise on question of privilege. I hold in my hand a copy of the Ottawa *Citizen*, dated November 23. On the front page, under the heading "Gas pipe lines bills again 'talked out'", appears this statement written by John Bird:

After almost every Alberta and British Columbia member had spoken, up rose Bob Mayhew, Minister of Fisheries by title, but a British Columbia member above all else.

I just want to correct the reporter's statement. There were ten members from Alberta who said nothing in the whole of the three hours' debate, and they took that position advisedly because they did not want to be blamed for talking out these private bills, or any such imputation made in respect to them. The Social Credit members in the house feel that these bills should be brought to a vote.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to table the documents to which I made reference in my remarks yesterday afternoon in the debate on the proposed amendments to the Combines Investigation Act.

STANDING COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION—FIRST AND
SECOND REPORTS—CONCURRENCE IN
FIRST REPORT

Mr. A. J. Bater (The Battlefords) presented the first and second reports of the standing committee on agriculture and colonization, and moved that the first report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

BANKING AND COMMERCE—CHANGES
IN PERSONNEL

Hon. Alphonse Fournier (Minister of Public Works) moved:

That the name of Mr. Macdonnell (Greenwood) be substituted for that of Mr. Rowe on the standing committee on banking and commerce.

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That the name of Mr. Riley be substituted for that of Mr. Leger on the standing committee on banking and commerce.

Motion agreed to.

TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROVINCES AS TO CHOICE
OF ROUTE

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the undertaking given to the house on Monday evening, as reported at page 2040 of *Hansard*, I beg leave to table further correspondence with certain provinces with respect to the trans-Canada highway.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): May I ask the minister whether the correspondence with the province of Nova Scotia is being brought down?

Mr. Winters: The province of Nova Scotia has not given permission to table the correspondence. In accordance with the undertaking given by my colleague, the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Fournier) yesterday, I have communicated again with the appropriate minister in Nova Scotia, asking if his views are as previously stated.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): Has the minister a reply to his inquiry?

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Black (Cumberland): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Under this heading these matters are not debatable.

[Later:]

On the orders of the day:

Mr. P. C. Black (Cumberland): Has the minister had a reply to his latest letter to Nova Scotia concerning the trans-Canada highway? If so, what was that reply, and is the province going to agree to have the correspondence laid on the table of the house?

Hon. Robert H. Winters (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply): I have not yet had a reply.

Mr. Green: Has the minister sent a similar letter to Manitoba and British Columbia? I understand those were the other two provinces which would not agree to the tabling of the correspondence.

Mr. Winters: Yes, I have.