

frequently in the major debates of the house. We feel that through his death the house has lost a man who was a true representative of a minority which deserves the sympathy of all of us at the present time. On behalf of those with whom I am associated I should like to convey our deepest sympathy to his widow and son. To the Prime Minister and the government we also tender our sympathy.

Mr. J. H. BLACKMORE (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, I desire to associate the members of my group with the words of appreciation and sympathy which have been uttered by the three hon. gentlemen who have just taken their seats. I had the opportunity of being somewhat closely associated with the two men who have passed away. I have at all times admired Doctor Fleming as a champion of the rights of the west. I feel that far too little attention has been given by Canada and this house to the claims of the west for a more equitable share of the good things in Canada. I am sorry that a strong voice and a stalwart heart are now missing from among those who are watching over the welfare of the west.

I had not the same opportunity to get to know Mr. Bercovitch. I was impressed by the poise and sincerity of the man and the depth of his personality. He was one member whom I should have been very glad to hear speak a good many more times than he did. I desire to convey the sympathy of my group to those who have been bereaved.

EXTRADITION TREATY

ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNING EXTRADITION OF CRIMINALS

Hon. R. B. HANSON (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask a question of the Prime Minister with respect to a new extradition treaty between Canada and the United States, which was signed as long ago as the 29th day of April, greatly extending the sphere of our extradition arrangements with the United States. Has this treaty been ratified by the United States senate, and will it be submitted to this parliament at the next session for ratification? Generally, what is the present position of the treaty?

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I shall endeavour to give my hon. friend a complete answer on an early day of the new session.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh reports of the special committee on war expenditures.—Mr. Fournier (Hull).

[Mr. Coldwell.]

Fourth report of the special committee on reconstruction and reestablishment.—Mr. Turgeon.

WAR MEASURES ACT

TABLING OF ORDERS IN COUNCIL PASSED BETWEEN JULY 1, 1942, AND DECEMBER 31, 1942.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): On July 7, 1942, orders in council passed under authority of the War Measures Act between April 1, 1942, and June 30, 1942, were laid on the table. I now table orders in council, in English and French, passed under authority of the same act between July 1, 1942, and December 31, 1942. I also lay on the table volume 8, in English and French, of proclamations and orders in council relating to the war.

THE MINISTRY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGES SINCE ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to inform the house of changes which have been made in the ministry since the house adjourned on August 1st last. The changes were occasioned by the appointment on October 6, 1942, of Hon. J. T. Thorson, Minister of National War Services, to be President of the Exchequer Court of Canada, and by the resignation on May 11, 1942, of the Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, who at the time of his resignation was holding the portfolios of Minister of Public Works and Minister of Transport.

On October 7, 1942, Hon. J. E. Michaud was appointed Minister of Transport. On his appointment as Minister of Transport, Mr. Michaud resigned the position of Minister of Fisheries, which he was holding at the time.

On the same day, Mr. Alphonse Fournier, K.C., of Hull, Quebec, was appointed Minister of Public Works, and Mr. Ernest Bertrand, K.C., member for the electoral district of Laurier (Montreal, Que.) was appointed Minister of Fisheries. Major-General L. R. LaFleche, D.S.O., was appointed Minister of National War Services.

Both Mr. Fournier and Mr. Bertrand have been members of this house for several years—Mr. Fournier since 1930 and Mr. Bertrand since 1935. They are both well known to hon. members generally, all of whom will be pleased to see them occupying their present position on the treasury benches.

Major-General LaFleche has taken his seat in this house for the first time to-day, having been elected as member of parliament for