The house met at 2.30 p.m.

#### PRIVILEGE

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MEEKER ON BIRTH OF DAUGHTER

**Mr. P. T. Hellyer (Davenport):** I rise on a matter of personal privilege. I would like to take this opportunity, on my own behalf and on behalf of hon. members on all sides of the house, to congratulate my successor as the youngest member of this house on the occasion of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Meeker at Toronto yesterday.

### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

DEFENCE EXPENDITURES—COMBINES LEGISLATION —CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

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

That the name of Mr. Adamson be substituted for that of Mr. Pearkes on the special committee on defence expenditures; and

That the name of Mr. Blair be substituted for that of Mr. Churchill on the joint special committee on combines legislation; and that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours therewith.

Motion agreed to.

### TAX AGREEMENTS

## CANADA-UNITED STATES—ADDITION OF PROTOCOL DEALING WITH EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

Hon. J. J. McCann (Minister of National Revenue) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 28, to amend an act to amend the Canada-United States of America Tax Convention Act, 1943, and the Canada-United States of America Tax Convention Act, 1944.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

**Mr. McCann:** The purpose of this bill is to amend the act passed by parliament in 1950 amending the Canada-United States of America tax convention.

The amendment is to add the protocol dealing with the exchange of ratifications signed at Washington on November 21, 1951. The protocol is set out as a schedule to this bill and is self-explanatory.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

# QUESTIONS

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### Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Is the Department of National Defence providing a grant towards the construction of the road to be built at the C.J.A.T.C., Rivers, Manitoba?

2. If so, how much is the grant?

3. What percentage of the total cost of road construction does this amount represent?

#### Mr. Blanchette:

1. Yes.

2. \$50,000.

3. 43 per cent.

#### DEFENCE PRODUCTION-SERVING FORKS

#### Mr. Green:

1. Has the Department of Defence Production called for tenders for serving forks within the last two months?

2. If so, for what total number of such forks?

3. To what persons and centres were such forks to be consigned, and in what numbers respectively?

### Mr. McIlraith:

1. Yes.

2. 40,000.

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Consignee—Centre—Number of Forks

Commandant, No. 26 central ordnance depot, subdepot, 6565 Notre Dame St. East, Montreal, P.Q., 20,000.

Commanding officer, No. 15 regional ordnance depot, Debert, Nova Scotia, 6,300.

Commanding officer, No. 16 regional ordnance depot, Regina, Saskatchewan, 7,400.

Commanding officer, No. 17 regional ordnance depot, Boundary Bay, British Columbia, 6,300.

### GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BONDS—PURCHASES SINCE ISSUE

### Mr. MacInnis:

What amount of government savings bonds, series one to five, were purchased since date of issue in each case?

### Mr. Sinclair:

Series 1,	issued i	in 1946	 \$535,285,800
Series 2,	issued i	in 1947	 287,742,850
Series 3,	issued i	in 1948	 260,491,150
Series 4,	issued i	in 1949	 320,231,500
Series 5,	issued i	in 1950	 285,580,000