

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

### OFFICIAL REPORT

Friday, June 12, 1942

The house met at three o'clock.

#### THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Ottawa, June 12, 1942.

Sir:—I have the honour to inform you that the Right Hon. Sir Lyman Poore Duff, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber to-day, Friday, June 12, at 5.30 p.m., for the purpose of giving the royal assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. Pereira,

Assistant Secretary to the  
Governor General.

#### SOLDIER SETTLEMENT

Second report of special committee on land settlement of veterans of the present war.—  
Mr. Macmillan.

#### GASOLINE

##### LACK OF SUPPLY FOR MAGDALEN ISLANDS FISHERMEN

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. S. ROY (Gaspé): A few minutes ago I received a telegram from Grindstone, Magdalen islands, dated to-day, and reading as follows:

Gasoline situation very serious here. No supplies in distributors hands fishermen forced to give up fishing on account shortage gas. Please contact Imperial Oil, Canadian Oil and McColl Frontenac so as to have further supplies shipped to Magdalens soon as possible.

County Council,  
per Armand Painchaud,  
Secretary.

Will the government take some action to remedy this situation?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Munitions and Supply): I will bring the matter to the attention of the oil controller immediately and ask him to do his best to relieve the situation.

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#### USE OF TRUCKS BY FARMERS ON SUNDAYS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. DIEFENBAKER (Lake Centre): I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Munitions and Supply on a matter of very serious concern to the farmers in consequence of the order that has been made forbidding the use on Sundays of trucks, which is the only means of transportation that many farmers have. Has the minister given consideration to permitting farmers to use their trucks on Sundays, subject of course to conformity with the gasoline regulations?

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Munitions and Supply): I know of no regulation forbidding the use of trucks on Sundays. I know there is a regulation forbidding the use of trucks for pleasure travel, and if the two are synonymous the regulation would apply.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): How about going to church?

Mr. HOWE: The truck is a commercial vehicle and it is provided that it must be used as such.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): Even when it is the only means of locomotion the farmer has? Without it he cannot go to church.

Mr. HOWE: I know.

#### CANADIANS IN JAPAN

##### ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCHANGES OF CANADIAN AND JAPANESE NATIONALS

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): The hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Green) asked me a question yesterday—which I must apologize for not having answered sooner, because it was asked before—regarding the exchange of nationals between Canada and Japan. The facts are that immediately on the outbreak of the war with Japan negotiations were undertaken with the Japanese government, through the protecting power, for the repatriation of officials. Early in the year these negotiations were extended to cover non-officials, and an understanding was reached for the repatriation to Canada of Canadians in Japan and occu-