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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

BEHAVIOUR DURING LIBERAL FEDERATION CONGRESS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. Could the minister tell the house whether she has received any protests from the former premier of Quebec, Hon. Jean Lesage, with respect to the way in which the C.B.C. behaved on the occasion of the Quebec Liberal Federation convention?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): No, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

ENFORCEMENT OF PENALTY UPON CONVICTION FOR CAPITAL OFFENCE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister a question which I had anticipated asking the Solicitor General. I know it is a sensitive matter. In view of the fact that in western Canada one police officer was killed and another seriously injured in the course of their duties, will the Prime Minister assure us that the judgments of the courts in these matters will be carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Criminal Code concerning police officers?

TRANSPORT

MAINTENANCE OF LOWER RATES THROUGH CANADIAN PORTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister without Portfolio, so that he may share in these spine-tingling questions this afternoon. Now that Atlantic ports day is only a week away, could either the Minister without Portfolio or the Minister of Transport obtain public assurances from the railways that the long-time policy regarding lower rates through Canadian ports, as opposed to foreign ports, will be continued under the new railway legislation?

Hon. John N. Turner (Member of the Administration): I will attend to that question, Mr. Speaker.

Bank Act

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

PICTOU, N.S.—REPRESENTATIONS BY CONSUMER ASSOCIATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. Russell MacEwan (Pictou): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister which he may wish to take as notice. I should like to ask whether he has received a communication from the Pictou County Consumers Association regarding the high cost of living in Canada. If so, what action does the government intend to take in this very important matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure the Prime Minister has noted these representations.

BANK ACT AND QUEBEC SAVINGS BANKS ACT

MEASURE TO EXTEND CHARTERS OF BANKS

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Finance) moved the second reading of Bill No. S-53, to amend the Bank Act and the Quebec Savings Banks Act.

He said: Mr. Speaker, as hon. members are aware, the purpose of this bill is to extend the charters of the banks beyond November 30, 1966, which is the present expiry date. The house committee on finance, trade and economic affairs has recommended that the charters be extended until April 1 so as to permit the committee, the house and the Senate to complete action on the proposed amendments to the Bank Act and the Quebec Savings Banks Act. Before the committee's recommendation was received, the present bill had been introduced into the Senate and it was approved in the form as introduced.

The effect to the bill is similar to the recommendation of the committee, but the form follows the earlier pattern of bills to extend the Bank Act and the Quebec Savings Banks Act. Provided parliament does not sit for more than 20 days during the month of December—and I am assured by the Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) that it is not the intention of the government to ask the house to sit for more than 20 days in December—parliament will have another 60 sitting days in 1967 to dispose of the banking legislation, which should take us to about April 1.

I agree in advance with hon. members that the bill now before us could have been in a much simpler form and accomplished the purpose in mind. I take full responsibility for having put precedent before common sense. I