

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Friday, March 4, 1938

The house met at three o'clock.

### CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE

First report of special committee to inquire into the operation of the Civil Service Act.—Mr. Pouliot.

### RADIO BROADCASTING

PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ANNUAL REPORT AND REVIEW POLICIES OF CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Transport): If I might have the unanimous consent of the house I move, seconded by the Minister of Pensions and National Health (Mr. Power):

That the committee appointed on the 24th February last, with the powers of a standing committee, to consider the annual report of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and to review the policy of the corporation, shall consist of the following members: Messrs. Ahearn, Barber, Beaubien, Bertrand (Laurier), Bouchard, Cote, Dupuis, Edwards, Factor, Hamilton, Power, Isnor, Johnston (Bow River), Lawson, MacKenzie (Neepawa), MacLean (Prince), MacMillan, Martin, Patterson, Ross (Moose Jaw), Turgeon, Wermenlinger and Woodsworth, and that the presence of at least nine members will constitute a quorum of the said committee.

Motion agreed to.

### STANDING COMMITTEES

INDUSTRIAL AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS—MARINE AND FISHERIES—CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That the name of Mr. McAvity be substituted for that of Mr. Hill on the select standing committee on industrial and international relations.

That the name of Mr. McAvity be substituted for that of Mr. Hill on the select standing committee on marine and fisheries.

Motions agreed to.

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### ROYAL COMMISSIONS

GRAIN, TEXTILES, PENITENTIARIES AND EMPLOYMENT—INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF REPORTS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, as this is the twenty-seventh sitting day of the session, I should like to know if the government will be in a position on the first of the week to tell us when we may expect the report of the grain commission, the textile commission and the penitentiaries commission—and also the final report of the late lamented employment commission; do not forget that.

### VALIDITY OF ALBERTA STATUTES

POWERS OF DISALLOWANCE AND RESERVATION—ANSWERS OF SUPREME COURT TO CERTAIN QUESTIONS REFERRED BY GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, at the request of some hon. members I desire to lay on the table of the house six copies of the answers of the Supreme Court of Canada to certain questions, by way of reference by the governor in council of certain Alberta matters, and the reasons for such answers. The questions and answers are as follows:

Question. Is power of disallowance a still subsisting power?

Answer: Yes.

Question. Is power, if subsisting, subject to any restriction, and, if so, what is nature of restriction?

Answer: No.

Question: Is Bill No. 1, entitled an Act Respecting the Taxation of Banks, *intra vires*?

Answer: No.

Question: Is Bill No. 8, entitled an Act to Amend and Consolidate the Credit of Alberta Regulation Act, *intra vires*?

Answer: No.