

supplement of \$5 a month to those whose pensions are less than \$40 a month, and to those whose pensions are between \$40 and \$45, a sufficient supplement to bring those pensioners up to \$45.

I make this further plea—perhaps it is the last plea of the session—to the Minister of Finance, and I ask him once again to consider the plight of superannuated civil servants, particularly those in the lower pension brackets. I said to him last night, as I have said before, it seems to us that the government should be a model employer. Here is one private corporation which has made a gesture in this direction, and I would hope that the Canadian government would not fall behind the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in this matter.

Mr. ABBOTT: I am not familiar with the pension plan of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, but I doubt very much whether it is as generous as the government's superannuation plan.

Mr. KNOWLES: I can support what the minister is saying about deficiencies in the Canadian Pacific Railway Company pension plan, and perhaps at this hour of the night it would not be well for him to start me on that, or I might try to raise the question about which I am still concerned, and if it were in order I would do so. My point is that when a company which has the record that this company has is prepared to do at least this little bit, the government ought to be able to do the same. May I remind the Minister of Finance that there are superannuated civil servants down in these same brackets. I have given the figures to him before. And even those who are in brackets higher than these are having real difficulty.

Mr. ABBOTT: May I remind my hon. friend that there are hundreds of thousands of people in this country who are neither eligible for, nor do they receive, superannuation from any superannuation plan.

Mr. KNOWLES: Shame to the government for that too.

Section agreed to.

Sections 3 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Schedules agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

## MINISTRY

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESIGNATION OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): It is customary, Mr. Speaker, to announce resignations from and changes in the ministry. One resignation has been handed to me today. It is that of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Ilsley). I have replied to the Minister of Justice stating that in the circumstances which are mentioned in his letter to me I would advise His Excellency to accept the minister's resignation. It is true that the resignation does not take effect until midnight tonight, but as the house will not be sitting tomorrow, and as probably the exchange of correspondence would not find its place in the official records if left over until the next session, I would ask that I might be permitted to table tonight the correspondence which has passed between us. I would also ask that the correspondence might appear in *Hansard*, in its record of today's proceedings.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the house to give the Prime Minister such leave?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Mr. HOWARD C. GREEN (Vancouver South): On behalf of the official opposition, Mr. Speaker, I should like to say just a word in appreciation of the services that the Right Hon. J. L. Ilsley has rendered to this nation. We watched him during the war years when he carried such a heavy load as Minister of Finance. We saw him bear that burden with courage and with great distinction. I think from coast to coast Mr. Ilsley is highly respected by Canadians of all parties. On behalf of my colleagues in the Progressive Conservative party, I am only too glad to be able to pay him that small tribute this evening. I trust that in his professional life he will have, not only great success but also great happiness. He has done a grand job for Canada, and I am sure we all appreciate that fact.

Mr. M. J. COLDWELL (Rosetown-Biggart): I, too, Mr. Speaker, should like to join in the expressions of appreciation of the work of the Right Hon. J. L. Ilsley. I think no man in public life in Canada stands higher in public esteem than the former Minister of Justice. No matter in what quarter of the house we sit, there are certain people whom we can respect. Mr. Ilsley, through his devoted services during the war, the manner in which he did not spare himself, and by his unquestioned integrity