

We have been told during the course of this debate that our leader is autocratic. As one of the new members, with not very much experience in political affairs outside my own county, I want to pay a very sincere tribute to the kindness and helpfulness of the present Prime Minister and to his readiness to receive suggestions from even the humblest of his followers. I am sure that that has been the experience of every hon. member on this side of the house, and I believe the people of Canada recognize that we have as Prime Minister at the present time one of the ablest statesmen who has ever conducted the affairs of Canada since the beginning of its history. With the loyal support of his party, which he is sure to receive during this and succeeding sessions, I am sure that he will be able to solve the great problems confronting the Canadian people at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Spencer the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Bennett the house adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Thursday, March 19, 1931

The house met at three o'clock.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the following message has been received from the Senate informing this house:

That the Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senators Aylesworth, Sir Allen, Beaubien, Chapais, Gillis, Gordon, Griesbach, Hatfield, Laird, Lemieux, Lewis, Logan, McDougald, McLennan, Poirier, Taylor and Wilson (Rockcliffe), have been appointed a committee to assist the Honourable the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a joint committee of both houses on the said library.

PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the following message has been received from the Senate informing this house:

That the Honourable Senators Aylesworth, Sir Allen, Buchanan, Chapais, Donnelly, Farrell, Green, Hatfield, Horsey, Legris, Lewis, McDonald, McLean, McLennan, Pope, Raymond, Robertson, Sharpe, Taylor, Todd, White (Inkerman), and White (Pembroke), have been appointed a committee to superintend the printing of the Senate during the

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present session, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a joint committee of both houses on the subject of the printing of parliament.

PARLIAMENTARY RESTAURANT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the house that the following message has been received from the Senate informing this house:

That the Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senators Hardy, Logan, McMeans, Sharpe, Tanner, and Taylor, have been appointed a committee to assist the Honourable the Speaker in the direction of the restaurant of parliament, so far as the interests of the Senate are concerned, and to act on behalf of the Senate as members of a joint committee of both houses on the said restaurant.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

AGREEMENT FOR JOINT USE OF PREMISES AT REGINA

Hon. R. J. MANION (Minister of Railways) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 9, to ratify and confirm certain agreements respecting the joint use by Canadian National Railways of certain tracks and premises of Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Regina.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Explain.

Mr. MANION: There is very little explanation. The title of the bill really indicates its purpose. It is to ratify and confirm certain agreements between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Canadian National Railways for the joint use of terminals and premises of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Regina.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

TRADE RELATIONS WITH CUBA

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Before the orders of the day are proceeded with, in view of the interest manifested by some hon. members, particularly from the maritime provinces, in the matter of our trade relations with Cuba, I think it well to advise that the Hon. J. A. Macdonald, member of the administration without portfolio, has been asked to go to Cuba to discuss with officials there such trade relations, especially with respect to the entry of potatoes into that market.

Mr. DUFF: Has the right hon. gentleman considered the question of the duty on fish?