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The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVILEGE

REFERENCE TO PHOTOGRAPH IN BRANTFORD
"EXPOSITOR" OF APRIL 30

Hon. DOUGLAS ABBOTT (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege. My attention has just been called to the issue of the Brantford *Daily Expositor*, of Wednesday, April 30, 1947, which contains a statement as to the budget proposals, and on the front page is a reproduction of the photograph of a very handsome gentleman with a black moustache. Printed beneath the picture there appear the words "The Hon. Douglas Abbott, Dominion Finance Minister". Unfortunately the photograph is that of the Hon. Maurice Duplessis, premier of Quebec, and in view of the wide circulation which I know this publication enjoys in western Ontario, I felt, in justice both to Mr. Duplessis and to myself, that I should make this explanation.

CIVIL SERVICE

REFERENCE TO NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN
RELATION TO POPULATION

Mr. D. G. ROSS (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, may I take this opportunity, on a question of privilege, to make a correction at page 2990 of *Hansard*. On line twenty-one, in the second column, I inadvertently said "seven people". It should be seventy people.

WHEAT

DELIVERIES BETWEEN MAY 15 AND JUNE 30—
SPECIAL INCOME TAX ARRANGEMENT

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, a year ago the dominion government announced a special income tax arrangement available in respect to wheat marketed between April 1, 1946, and June 30, 1946. This arrangement was made because wheat was urgently needed for overseas shipment. Under this plan a
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considerable quantity of wheat was made available by producers a year ago and this wheat was promptly moved forward to needy countries. The plan provided an arrangement whereby producers could deliver their wheat during a limited period with the actual cash settlement taken at the producers' option in 1946, 1947 or 1948. Producers taking advantage of this plan received what was known as an emergency wheat receipt. The plan was entirely optional and producers delivering wheat during the period of time set forth could take advantage of the special arrangement or deliver their wheat in the usual manner.

The need for wheat overseas is just as urgent this year. With a greatly improved transportation position, wheat delivered now can be moved overseas in a very short period of time. The government and the Canadian wheat board have received many requests for a similar plan for a limited period in 1947.

The government has decided to make substantially the same plan available in connection with wheat delivered by producers in western Canada between May 15 and June 30. Under the plan which the government is proposing for this year, producers will be able to take cash settlement at their option in 1947, 1948 or 1949.

The dominion government feels that an arrangement of this kind is worth while if it will make more wheat available for overseas shipment during the balance of the present crop year. Full details of the plan will be announced at an early date by the Canadian wheat board.

REDISTRIBUTION

TEMISCOUATA COUNTY—REFERENCE OF PETITION
TO COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS

Mr. JEAN-FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Temiscouata): With the consent of the house I move, seconded by the hon. member for Quebec-Montmorency (Mr. LaCroix):

That the petition of 144 electors of the parish of Squattek who are opposed to the separation of the said parish from the federal electoral district of Temiscouata, together with a letter on