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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF COMMONS
OF CANADA

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1939

This being the day on which Parliament is convoked by Proclamation of the Governor General for the despatch of business, and the members of the House being assembled:—

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter which he had received:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
OTTAWA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

2nd September, 1939.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the main entrance of the Houses of Parliament at 3 p.m. on Thursday the 7th September, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Fifth Session of the Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. S. REDFERN,

Secretary to the Governor General.

The Honourable Pierre Casgrain,
The Speaker of the House of Commons,
Ottawa.

A Message was delivered by Major A. R. Thompson, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. SPEAKER,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Chamber of the Honourable the Senate.

The House attended accordingly; and being returned,

Mr. Mackenzie King introduced a Bill, No. 1, An Act respecting the administration of Oaths of Office, which was read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported, That when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Parliament, and to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy which he read to the House as follows:—

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

As you are only too well aware, all efforts to maintain the peace of Europe have failed. The United Kingdom, in honouring pledges given as a means of avoiding hostilities, has become engaged in war with Germany. You have been summoned at the earliest moment in order that the Government may seek authority for the measures necessary for the defence of Canada, and for co-operation in the determined effort which is being made to resist further aggression, and to prevent the appeal to force instead of to pacific means in the settlement of international disputes. Already the Militia, the Naval Service and the Air Force have been placed on active service, and certain other provisions have been made for the defence of our coasts and our internal security under the War Measures Act and other existing authority. Proposals for further effective action by Canada will be laid before you without delay.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to consider estimates to provide for expenditure which has been or may be caused by the state of war which now exists.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I need not speak of the extreme gravity of this hour. There can have been few, if any, more critical in the history of the world. The people of Canada are facing the crisis with the same fortitude that to-day supports the peoples of the United Kingdom and other of the nations of the British Commonwealth.

My Ministers are convinced that Canada is prepared to unite in a national effort to defend to the utmost liberties and institutions which are a common heritage.

Mr. Mackenzie King, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copies in English and French of documents relating to the outbreak of War, September, 1939:—

(a) Communications exchanged between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the Government of the German Reich, between the 22nd of August and the 3rd of September, 1939, together with statements made in the House of Commons by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

(b) Communications addressed by the Prime Minister of Canada to the Heads of certain European States in August, 1939, and replies thereto.

Also,—Copy of emergent Orders in Council passed from August 25th, 1939, to September 6th, 1939, bearing on the outbreak of hostilities in Europe, as follows:—

Orders in Council P.C. Nos.:—

- 2389—*Re* Issue of Special Warrant for \$8,918,930 for expenditures for Naval Service, Militia Service and Air Service.
- 2396—Regulations *re* calling out Militia under Section 63 of the Militia Act.
- 2397—*Re* Purchase of aircraft, spares and accessories up to \$7,500,000.
- 2412—*Re* Control of Shipping.
- 2413—*Re* Warrant for \$1,453,000 making provision for thirty days for Militia personnel, transportation, rations, engineer services and purchase of stores.
- 2434—*Re* Approval of Financial Regulations and Instructions for the Canadian Field Force covering pay and allowances, etc.
- 2441—*Re* Employment of parts and personnel of the Auxiliary Active Air Force and the Reserve Air Force.
- 2471—Warrant of \$150,000 *re* Air Raid Precautions.
- 2474—Constitution of sub-Committees of Council.
- 2475—Warrant for \$536,600 to cover expenses in connection with transfer of units of the Royal Canadian Air Force to East Coast and calling out for training of Auxiliary Air force, for a period of thirty days.
- 2476—Proclamation *re* meeting of Parliament on September 7, 1939.
- 2477—*Re* Proclamation concerning existence of apprehended war.
- 2478—Placing on active service the Reserve Naval Forces of Canada.
- 2479—Placing on active service the Permanent Naval Forces.
- 2480—*Re* Warrant for \$5,345,590 to bring up the Permanent Active Air Force to full peace establishment.
- 2481—Establishment of Censorship Regulations.
- 2482—Placing Active Militia on war establishment.
- 2483—Establishing the Defence of Canada Regulations.
- 2484—*Re* Engagement of ex-members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- 2485—Appointment of the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as Registrar General of Alien Enemies.
- 2489—Constitution of Prize Courts.
- 2491—Regulation regarding Pensions.
- 2495—Warrant for \$50,000 to cover employment of extra civilian personnel for emergency duty.
- 2496—*Re* Censorship in respect of cable, radio, telegraph and telephone companies or circulation of prohibited matter.
- 2498—*Re* Expression "Canadian Active Service Force" to be used instead of "Canadian Field Force."
- 2499—Censorship Regulations, 1939.
- 2500—*Re* Calling out of Units, Formations and Detachments of the Auxiliary Active Air Force.
- 2504—Application by the Government of the United Kingdom of the War Risks Insurance Scheme to British ships registered in Canada.
- 2506—*Re* Postal Censorship.
- 2507—Placing on active service Depots of Corps of the Active Militia.
- 2511—Authorization to call out Officers and Airmen of the Reserve Air Force as required.
- 2513—Setting up the Censorship Co-ordination Committee.

- 2514—*Re* Members of the Naval Forces, the Militia or The Royal Canadian Air Force, being retained as Civil Servants, if required by their Departments.
- 2515—Appointment of Walter S. Thompson as Chairman of The Censorship Co-ordination Committee.
- 2516—Establishment of regulations concerning prices of food, fuel and other necessaries of life.
- 2520—Appointment of the War-time Prices and Trade Board.
- 2521—Internment of enemy aliens.
- 2524—Control of Shipping.
- 2525—Employees of Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, National Harbours Board, Canadian National Steamships, Trans-Canada Air Lines, Railway and Telegraph Companies.—To be retained as Civil Servants, if deemed necessary by the Departmental Heads.
- 2532—Calling out for active service certain Units, Formations and Detachments of the Auxiliary Active Air Force.
- 2533—Transfer of certain Canadian Government ships to Naval Service. Non-application of Government Vessels Discipline Act.
- 2548—Constitution of "Dependents Allowance Board."
- 2549—Appointment of cable and trans-oceanic Radio Censorship personnel, with remuneration rates.
- 2562—Censorship Regulations—application of same in regard to circulation of prohibited matter and press censorship.
- 2563—Censorship Regulations—application of same in regard to the operations, offices, works or property of radiotelegraph or radiotelephone station, radio broadcasting station or any other class of radio station.

Also,—Copy of letter from His Majesty King George VI to the Right Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, expressing his thanks to the Canadian Government in connection with his recent visit to Canada.

Also,—Copy of Order in Council, P.C. 1985, dated July 26, 1939: Appointing the Right Honourable Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, Acting Secretary of State of Canada, in the place of the Honourable Fernand Rinfret, who died on the 12th of July, 1939.

And also,—Copy of correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Honourable Charles A. Dunning respecting the resignation of the latter as Minister of Finance.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, it was ordered,—That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Friday next.

Mr. Mackenzie King, delivered a message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

TWEEDSMUIR.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved Minute of Council appointing the Honourable T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, the Right Honourable Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, the Honourable W. D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and the Honourable J. L. Ilsley, Minister of National Revenue, to act with

the Speaker of the House of Commons as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, intituled: "An Act respecting the House of Commons."

Government House, Ottawa,

7th September, 1939.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King it was Resolved,—That the following changes be made in the Standing Orders of the House for the duration of the present session:—

1. The House shall meet on every sitting day and the provision of Standing Order No. 2 relating to the adjournment of the House on Friday shall be suspended.

2. Standing Order No. 6 adjourning the House at six o'clock on Wednesdays shall be suspended and the procedure and order of business on Wednesdays shall in every respect be the same as on other days.

3. Government Notices of Motions and Government Orders shall have precedence over all other business except Questions and Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers.

4. Standing Order No. 15 relating to the consideration of Private and Public Bills from eight until nine o'clock, p.m., on Tuesdays and Fridays shall be suspended.

5. Standing Orders Nos. 63, 80, 84, 102 and 122 shall be suspended.

6. The provision of Standing Order No. 46 requiring unanimous consent for a motion in case of urgent and pressing necessity shall be suspended.

7. Standing Orders 69 to 77, both inclusive, shall be suspended in relation to Public Bills introduced by Private Members.

The House then adjourned at 4.10 o'clock, p.m., until to-morrow, at three o'clock, p.m.

PIERRE F. CASGRAIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND QUESTIONS

The Minister of Pensions and National Health—BILL intituled: "An Act to incorporate The Canadian Patriotic Fund."

No. 2

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER, 1939

PRAYERS.

One petition was laid on the Table.

The Order for the consideration of the Motion for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, in reply to His Speech at the opening of the Session, being read:

Mr. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Blanchette, moved:—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament; namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour, Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

And a Debate arising thereon; the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. Thorson, adjourned.

At eleven o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without question put, pursuant to Standing Order 7, until to-morrow, at three o'clock, p.m.

PIERRE F. CASGRAIN,

Speaker.

No. 3

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1939

PRAYERS.

The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table the First Report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he had examined the petition of Ronaldo French and others of the Province of Quebec declaring themselves opposed to any participation in the European War—*Mr. Raymond*; presented on the 8th instant, and finds that it is not in order in the following respects:—

It is not addressed to the Honourable the House of Commons in Parliament assembled.

It is in the form of a declaration and contains no prayer.

For these reasons it should not be received.

Mr. Power, by leave of the House, introduced a Bill, No. 2, An Act to incorporate The Canadian Patriotic Fund, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The Order being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Hamilton,—That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament; namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Baron Tweedsmuir of Elsfield, Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour, Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

And the question being proposed;

Mr. Lacombe, seconded by Mr. Lacroix (Quebec-Montmorency), moved in amendment thereto: That the following words be added to the Address:—

“ This House regrets that the Government did not deem it fitting to advise His Excellency the Governor General that Canada should refrain from participating in any external war.”

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said amendment; it was negatived.

And the question being put on the main motion; it was agreed to, on division.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, the said Address was ordered to be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honourable the Privy Council.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, it was resolved,—That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of a Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, it was resolved,—That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the supply to be granted to His Majesty.

The House then adjourned at 10.25 o'clock, p.m., until Monday next, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

PIERRE F. CASGRAIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND QUESTIONS

The Minister of National Revenue—On Monday next—IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—The following Resolution:—

Resolved, That sums not exceeding \$100,000,000 be granted to His Majesty towards defraying any expenses that may be incurred by or under the authority of the Governor in Council during the year ending 31st March, 1940, for—

- (a) the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada;
- (b) the conduct of naval, military and air operations in or beyond Canada;
- (c) promoting the continuance of trade, industry and business communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against war risk or in any other manner whatsoever; and
- (d) the carrying out of any measures deemed necessary or advisable by the Governor in Council in consequence of the existence of a state of war; special warrants to the total amount of \$16,454,120 issued on or since 25th August, 1939, under section 25 of The Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, 1931, to be included in the said sum of \$100,000,000;

With provision also empowering the Governor in Council to raise by way of loan under the provisions of The Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, 1931, such sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$100,000,000, as may be required for the purpose of defraying the aforesaid expenses, the principal and interest of any such loan to be a charge upon and payable out of The Consolidated Revenue Fund.

The Minister of Labour—On Monday next—BILL intituled: "An Act to amend the Combines Investigation Act."

No. 4

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1939

PRAYERS.

Mr. Mackenzie King, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copy of emergency Orders in Council passed from September 5, 1939, to September 8, 1939, bearing on the outbreak of hostilities in Europe as follows:—

Orders in Council P.C. Nos.:—

- 2512—Respecting trading with the enemy and treatment of enemy property.
- 2580—Respecting the appointment of Mr. Oswald Mayrand as a Member of the Censorship Co-ordination Committee.
- 2581—Respecting the franking of correspondence for the Censorship Co-ordination Committee.
- 2584—In respect to treatment of members of the public service who join the defence forces.
- 2586—Further trading with the enemy regulations.
- 2590—Respecting transfer of aircraft registration.

Mr. Rogers, by leave of the House, introduced a Bill, No. 3, An Act to amend the Combines Investigation Act, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading at a later hour this day.

Mr. Ilsley moved,—That the House do go into Committee of the Whole forthwith, to consider a certain proposed Resolution to provide certain sums of money towards defraying any expenses that may be incurred for certain services therein mentioned, consequent upon the present state of war.

Whereupon Mr. Ilsley, a Member of the King's Privy Council, informed the House, That His Excellency the Governor General, having been informed of the subject-matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the House.

Resolved, That the House do go into Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the said proposed Resolution.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That sums not exceeding \$100,000,000 be granted to His Majesty towards defraying any expenses that may be incurred by or under the authority of the Governor in Council during the year ending 31st March, 1940, for—

- (a) the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada;
- (b) the conduct of naval, military and air operations in or beyond Canada;
- (c) promoting the continuance of trade, industry and business communications, whether by means of insurance or indemnity against war risk or in any other manner whatsoever; and
- (d) the carrying out of any measures deemed necessary or advisable by the Governor in Council in consequence of the existence of a state of war; special warrants to the total amount of \$16,454,120 issued on or since 25th August, 1939, under section 25 of The Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, 1931, to be included in the said sum of \$100,000,000;

With provision also empowering the Governor in Council to raise by way of loan under the provisions of The Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, 1931, such sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$100,000,000, as may be required for the purpose of defraying the aforesaid expenses, the principal and interest of any such loan to be a charge upon and payable out of The Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Ilsley then, by leave of the House, presented a Bill, No. 4, An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for National Defence and Security, which was read the first time.

Mr. Ilsley moved,—That the said Bill be now read the second time.

Mr. Lacroix (Quebec-Montmorency), seconded by Mr. Lacombe, moved in amendment thereto: That the said Bill be not now read a second time but that this House expresses the opinion that the moneys to be appropriated and placed at the Government's disposal be only expended for naval, military and air operations in Canada.

Mr. Speaker ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that it dealt with the provisions of the Bill.

And the question being put on the motion,—That the Bill be now read the second time; it was agreed to, on division.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendments, considered as amended;

Mr. Ilsley then moved,—That the said Bill be now read the third time.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

The said Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

The Order being read for the second reading of Bill No. 2, An Act to incorporate The Canadian Patriotic Fund;

Mr. Power moved,—That the said Bill be now read the second time.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendments, considered as amended, read the third time, and passed.

The Order being read for the second reading of Bill No. 3, An Act to amend the Combines Investigation Act;

Mr. Rogers moved,—That the said Bill be now read the second time.

And a Debate arising thereon, the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. Slaght, adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 10.27 o'clock, p.m., until to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

PIERRE F. CASGRAIN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND QUESTIONS

The Prime Minister—IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE—The following Resolution:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a measure to establish a Department of Munitions and Supply with authority, to mobilize the resources of the nation for the production of munitions and essential supplies and to take such action as may be necessary therefor, to secure an adequate supply of commodities of all kinds necessary or desirable for the prosecution of the war, to ensure an adequate allotment of such supplies among such agencies as may require the same, and to control the making of contracts in connection with expenditures therefor; to provide for the employment of officers, clerks and servants necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Department; and to authorize the payment of certain expenditures and the making of certain grants in connection with the work of the Department.

No. 5

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1939

PRAYERS.

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate had passed the following Bill without any amendment:—

Bill No. 4, An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for National Defence and Security.

Mr. Mackenzie King, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copy of Emergency Orders in Council passed from September 9, 1939, to September 11, 1939, bearing on the outbreak of hostilities in Europe as follows:—

Orders in Council P.C. Nos.:—

- 2588—Appointment of Lt.-Col. Henri Desrosiers and Lt.-Col. K. S. Mac-lachlan as Associate Acting Deputy Ministers of National Defence.
- 2595—Placing all Officers and Ratings of the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve and the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve on Active Service.
- 2596—Waiving of maximum age limits for entry in the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Canadian Naval Reserve and the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve.
- 2620—Setting up War Services Offers Bureau under Public Information Committee.
- 2621—Establishment of Agricultural Supplies Committee.
- 2622—Naming members of Agricultural Supplies Committee.
- 2625—Amending The War-time Prices and Trade Board Regulations and appointing further members of the Board.
- 2626—Authorization of Proclamation that a state of war exists between Canada and the German Reich, as and from September 10th, 1939.
- 2636—Amending Order in Council (P.C. 2620), dated 9th September, 1939, by describing the Bureau therein mentioned as "Voluntary Service Registration Bureau" rather than "War Services Offers Bureau."

Mr. Mackenzie King moved,—That the House do go into Committee of the Whole forthwith, to consider a certain proposed Resolution to establish a Department of Munitions and Supply.

Whereupon Mr. Mackenzie King, a Member of the King's Privy Council, informed the House, That His Excellency the Governor General, having been informed of the subject-matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the House.

Resolved, That the House do go into Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the said proposed Resolution.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a measure to establish a Department of Munitions and Supply with authority, to mobilize the resources of the nation for the production of munitions and essential supplies and to take such action as may be necessary therefor, to secure an adequate supply of commodities of all kinds necessary or desirable for the prosecution of the war, to ensure an adequate allotment of such supplies among such agencies as may require the same, and to control the making of contracts in connection with expenditures therefor; to provide for the employment of officers, clerks and servants necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Department; and to authorize the payment of certain expenditures and the making of certain grants in connection with the work of the Department.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Mackenzie King then, by leave of the House, presented a Bill, No. 5, An Act respecting the Department of Munitions and Supply, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading at a later hour this day.

The Order being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Rogers for the second reading of Bill No. 3, An Act to amend the Combines Investigation Act;

Mr. Rogers moved,—That the said Order be discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

And the question being put on the said Motion; it was agreed to.

The said Order was then discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

The Order being read for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means;

Mr. Ilsley moved,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

And the Debate continuing;

At six o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker informed the House that a Message had been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate had passed the following Bill without any amendment:—

Bill No. 2, An Act to incorporate The Canadian Patriotic Fund.

8 P.M.

The Debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Ilsley: That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means, was then resumed.

And the question being proposed;

Mr. Pelletier, seconded by Mr. Johnston (Bow River), moved in amendment thereto: That the Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that this House set up a Committee to study ways and means of conscripting finance and thus bring about a greater equality of sacrifice.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said amendment, it was negatived on the following division:—

Messrs.

YEAS

Fair,	Johnston	Kennedy,	Landeryou,
Hansell,	(Bow River),	Kuhl,	Marshall,
			Pelletier—8.

NAYS

Messrs.

Ahearn,	Deachman,	Graydon,	McCulloch,
Anderson,	Denis,	Green,	Macdonald
Baker,	Deslauriers,	Hamilton,	(Brantford City),
Barber,	Donnelly,	Hanson,	McDonald (Pontiac),
Barry,	Douglas (Queens),	Hartigan,	McDonald (Souris),
Beaubien,	Dubois,	Heaps,	McGregor,
Bercovitch,	Duffus,	Héon,	MacInnis,
Bertrand (Prescott),	Dupuis,	Hill,	McIntosh,
Black (Chateauguay- Huntingdon),	Emmerson,	Homuth,	McIvor,
Black (Yukon),	Esling,	Howard,	McKenzie
Blair,	Euler,	Howden,	(Lambton-Kent),
Bonnier,	Evans,	Howe,	MacKenzie
Bothwell,	Factor,	Hushion,	(Neepawa),
Bouchard,	Fafard,	Hyndman,	Mackenzie (Van- couver Centre),
Brasset,	Farquhar,	Ilsley,	MacKinnon
Brooks,	Ferguson,	Isnor,	(Edmonton West),
Brown,	Ferland,	Jean,	McKinnon (Kenora- Rainy River),
Cahan,	Fiset (Sir Eugene),	Johnston	McLarty,
Cameron,	Fleming,	(Lake Centre),	McLean (Melfort),
Cardin,	Fontaine,	King, Mackenzie	McLean
Casselman,	Fournier (Hull),	Kinley,	(Simcoe East),
Chevrier,	Fournier (Maison- neuve-Rosemount),	Kirk,	MacLennan,
Church,	Francœur,	Lacroix (Beauce),	MacMillan,
Clark (Essex South),	Furniss,	Lapointe (Matapedia- Matane),	MacNeil,
Clarke (Rosedale),	Gardiner,	Lapointe	McNevin
Clark (York- Sunbury),	Gariépy,	(Quebec East),	(Victoria, Ont.),
Cleaver,	Gauthier,	Lawson,	McNiven
Cochrane,	Girouard,	Leader,	(Regina City),
Coldwell,	Gladstone,	Leclerc,	MacNicol,
Coté,	Glen,	Leduc,	Macphail (Miss),
Crerar,	Golding,	Little,	McPhee,
Damude,	Goulet,	McAvity,	MacRae,
Davidson,	Grant,	McCallum,	Manion,
	Gray,	McCann,	

Marsh,	Perley,	Rowe (Dufferin-	Thorson,
Martin,	Pinard,	Simcoe),	Tomlinson,
Massey,	Plaxton,	St-Père,	Tremblay,
Matthews,	Pottier,	Sanderson,	Tucker,
Mayhew,	Pouliot,	Senn,	Turgeon,
Michaud,	Power,	Slaght,	Tustin,
Mills,	Purdy,	Spence,	Veniot,
Motherwell,	Reid,	Stevens,	Walsh,
Mullins,	Rennie,	Stewart,	Ward,
Mulock,	Rhéaume,	Stirling,	Warren,
Mutch,	Rickard,	Streight,	Weir,
Neill,	Roberge,	Sylvestre,	Wermenlinger,
O'Neill,	Robichaud,	Taylor (Nanaimo),	White,
Parent (Quebec	Rogers,	Taylor (Norfolk),	Winkler,
West and South),	Ross (St. Paul's),	Telford,	Wood,
Parent (Terrebonne),	Ross (Moose Jaw),	Thauvette,	Woodsworth—190.
Patterson,	Rowe (Athabaska),	Thompson,	

And after further Debate on the main motion: That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

The House accordingly resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

THE CUSTOMS TARIFF

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend Schedule A to the Customs Tariff and amendments thereto, and to provide:—

1. That there shall be levied, collected and paid on the following goods, whether dutiable or not dutiable, when imported from any country, the additional rates of duties of Customs hereinafter specified:—

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| (a) Whisky, brandy, rum, gin and all other goods specified in Customs Tariff Items 156, 156a, 156b..... | \$3.00 per gallon of the strength of proof. |
| (b) Ale, beer, porter and stout..... | 9 cents per gallon. |
| (c) Wines of all kinds, except sparkling wines, containing not more than forty per cent of proof spirit..... | 7½ cents per gallon. |
| (d) Champagne and all other sparkling wines.. | 75 cents per gallon. |
| (e) Manufactured tobacco of all descriptions except cigars, cigarettes and snuff..... | 5 cents per pound. |
| (f) Cigarettes weighing not more than three pounds per thousand..... | \$1.00 per thousand. |
| (g) Tea, when the value for duty thereof under the provisions of the Customs Act: | |
| (i) is less than 35 cents per pound..... | 5 cents per pound. |
| (ii) is 35 cents or more but less than 45 cents per pound..... | 7½ cents per pound. |
| (iii) is 45 cents or more per pound..... | 10 cents per pound. |

- (h) All goods specified in Customs Tariff Item 25a. 10 cents per pound.
- (i) All goods specified in Customs Tariff Item 26 except coffee, roasted or ground. 10 cents per pound.
- (j) Coffee, green, and coffee, roasted or ground. 10 cents per pound.

2. (1) That any enactment founded upon the foregoing resolution relating to item (a) shall be deemed to have come into force on the third day of September, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, and to have applied to all goods imported or taken out of warehouse for consumption on and after that date, and to have applied to goods previously imported for which no entry for consumption was made before that date.

(2) That any enactment founded upon the foregoing resolution relating to items (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) shall be deemed to have come into force on the twelfth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine, and to have applied to all goods imported or taken out of warehouse for consumption on and after that date, and to have applied to goods previously imported for which no entry for consumption was made before that date.

EXCISE ACT

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Schedule to the Excise Act, 1934, as enacted by Chapter thirty-seven of the Statutes of 1936 and to provide:—

1. That the duty of excise on spirits distilled in Canada be increased from \$4 to \$7 per proof gallon.
2. That the duty of excise on Canadian brandy be increased from \$3 to \$6 per proof gallon.
3. That the duty of excise upon all beer or malt liquor brewed in whole or in part from any substance other than malt be increased from twenty-two cents to thirty cents per gallon.
4. That the duty of excise on malt manufactured or produced in Canada or imported be increased from six cents to ten cents per pound.
5. That the duty of excise on malt syrup suitable for the brewing of beer manufactured or produced in Canada be increased from ten cents to fifteen cents per pound and malt syrup imported into Canada and entered for consumption be increased from sixteen cents to twenty-one cents per pound.
6. That the duty of excise on tobacco of all descriptions manufactured in Canada, except cigarettes, be increased from twenty cents to twenty-five cents per pound actual weight.
7. That the duty of excise on cigarettes manufactured in Canada, weighing not more than three pounds per thousand, be increased from \$4 per thousand to \$5 per thousand.
8. (1) That any enactment founded on Resolutions 1 and 2 hereof shall be deemed to have come into force on the third day of September, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.
- (2) That any enactment founded on Resolutions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 hereof shall be deemed to have come into force on the twelfth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

SPECIAL WAR REVENUE ACT

Resolved, that it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Special War Revenue Act, Chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the Revised Statutes of Canada 1927 and amendments thereto and to provide:—

1. That subsection 1 of Section 83 of the said Act be struck out and replaced by the following:

1. There shall be imposed, levied and collected the following excise taxes:

- (a) a tax of fifteen cents per gallon on wines of all kinds, except sparkling wines, containing not more than forty per cent of proof spirit;
- (b) a tax of one dollar and fifty cents per gallon on champagne and all other sparkling wines.

2. That Schedule II to the said Act be amended by adding thereto as paragraph 4 thereof the following:

4. Carbonic acid gas and similar preparations to be used for aerating non-alcoholic beverages—two cents per pound.

3. That Schedule III to the said Act being the list of articles exempted from the consumption or sales tax be amended

(a) by striking out under the heading of "Foodstuffs" in the sixth line the words: "Fish and products thereof;" and replacing them by the following words: "Fish and products thereof, not to include canned fish;"

(b) by striking out under the heading of "Foodstuffs" in the tenth and eleventh lines the words: "Meats, salted or smoked (not to include the same when chopped, ground, parboiled or spiced);"

(c) by striking out under the heading of "Miscellaneous" in the first line the word "Electricity" and replacing it by the following words: "Electricity, except when used in dwellings;"

(d) by striking out under the heading of "Miscellaneous" in the fourth and fifth lines the words: "Gas manufactured from coal, calcium carbide or oil for illuminating or heating purposes;" and replacing them by the following words: "Natural gas and gas manufactured from coal, calcium carbide or oil for illuminating or heating purposes, except when used in dwellings;"

4. That any enactment founded on this Resolution shall be deemed to have come into force on the twelfth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine and to have applied to all goods imported or taken out of warehouse for consumption on and after that date and to have applied to goods previously imported for which no entry for consumption was made before that date.

INCOME WAR TAX ACT

Resolved that it is expedient to amend the Income War Tax Act to provide:—

1. That a war surtax of 20 per centum of the total income tax otherwise payable under the said Act be imposed upon all persons other than corporations.

2. That the rate of tax applicable to corporations and joint stock companies, except those filing consolidated returns, be increased from 15 to 18 per centum.

3. That the rate of tax applicable to corporations and joint stock companies which file consolidated returns under the said Act be increased from 17 to 20 per centum.
4. That voluntary donations to approved patriotic organizations and institutions in Canada during the present war be allowed as a deduction from income, up to 50 per centum of the net taxable income of the taxpayer.
5. (1) That the amendments proposed in Resolutions 1 and 4 hereof be applicable to the income of 1939 and all fiscal periods ending therein and of subsequent periods.
- (2) That the amendments proposed in Resolutions 2 and 3 hereof be applicable to the income of 1940 and all fiscal periods ending therein after March 31, 1940, and of subsequent periods.

EXCESS PROFITS TAXATION ACT

Resolved that it is expedient to enact an Excess Profits Taxation Act to provide:—

1. That an excess profits tax be levied on the profits of all businesses, whether incorporated or not, the said tax to apply to profits in excess of 5 per centum of the amount of capital employed by the taxpayer in the business, and to be graduated at the following rates:

on profits in excess of 5 per cent but not exceeding 10 per cent of the capital employed—10 per cent;

on profits exceeding 10 per cent but not exceeding 15 per cent of the capital employed—20 per cent;

on profits exceeding 15 per cent but not exceeding 20 per cent of the capital employed—30 per cent;

on profits exceeding 20 per cent but not exceeding 25 per cent of the capital employed—40 per cent;

on profits exceeding 25 per cent—60 per cent;

and that the said excess profits tax be in addition to the tax imposed upon the taxpayer under the Income War Tax Act, but that any tax payable by the taxpayer under the Income War Tax Act in respect of the profits of the same business for the corresponding period be deductible as an expense for the purposes of computing the profits to be assessed under the excess profits tax.

2. That an alternative excess profits tax be imposed upon the profits of all businesses, whether incorporated or not, taxing at the rate of 50 per centum all profits or income in excess of the average income of the taxpayer for the four years 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939, or the four fiscal periods of the taxpayer ending in such years;

And that the said alternative excess profits tax of 50 per centum be in addition to the tax imposed upon the taxpayer in respect of the same profits under the Income War Tax Act, but that any tax payable by the taxpayer under the Income War Tax Act in respect of that portion of his profits which is in excess of the aforesaid average profits shall be deductible as an expense for the purpose of computing the net excess profits to be assessed at the aforesaid rate of 50 per centum.

3. That the tax proposed in Resolution 2 hereof be an alternative to the tax proposed in Resolution 1 hereof, and the taxpayer shall have the right to elect to be taxed either upon the basis of the tax proposed in Resolution 1 hereof or upon the basis of the tax proposed in Resolution 2 hereof.

4. That the Governor in Council may provide by regulation for the depreciation and amortization of new plant and equipment which may be deemed necessary to fulfil orders for war purposes.

5. That this Act shall be applicable to the year 1940 and fiscal periods ending therein after March 31, 1940 and all subsequent periods.

Resolutions to be reported.

By leave of the House, the said Resolutions were reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Ilsley then presented the following Bills, which were severally read the first time and the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, read the third time and passed, as follows:

Bill No. 6, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.

Bill No. 7, An Act to amend The Excise Act, 1934.

Bill No. 8, An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.

Bill No. 9, An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.

The Order being read for the second reading of Bill No. 5, An Act respecting the Department of Munitions and Supply;

Mr. Mackenzie King moved,—That the said Bill be now read the second time.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, and after some time spent therein, by leave, the Debate was suspended, and Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

By leave of the House, on motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, it was resolved,—That the House shall not be adjourned at 11 o'clock, p.m., this day.

The Committee of the Whole then resumed consideration of Bill No. 5, An Act respecting the Department of Munitions and Supply, which was reported with amendments, considered as amended, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Mackenzie King moved,—That the House do go into Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the salary of the Minister of Munitions and Supply.

Whereupon Mr. Mackenzie King, a Member of the King's Privy Council, informed the House, That His Excellency the Governor General, having been informed of the subject-matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the House.

Resolved, That the House do go into Committee of the Whole forthwith to consider the said proposed Resolution.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Salaries Act to provide that the salary of the Minister of Munitions and Supply shall be ten thousand dollars.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Mackenzie King then, by leave of the House, presented a Bill, No. 10, An Act to amend the Salaries Act, which was read the first time, and the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Lapointe (Quebec East), by leave of the House, introduced a Bill, No. 11, An Act relating to War Charities, which was read the first time, and the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendments, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Ilsley, by leave of the House, introduced a Bill No. 12, The Excess Profits Tax Act, which was read the first time, and the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendments, considered as amended, read the third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter which he had received.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

OTTAWA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

12th September, 1939.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber on the 13th day of September at twelve o'clock, noon, for the purpose of proroguing the present Session of Parliament.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. PEREIRA,

Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

The Honourable

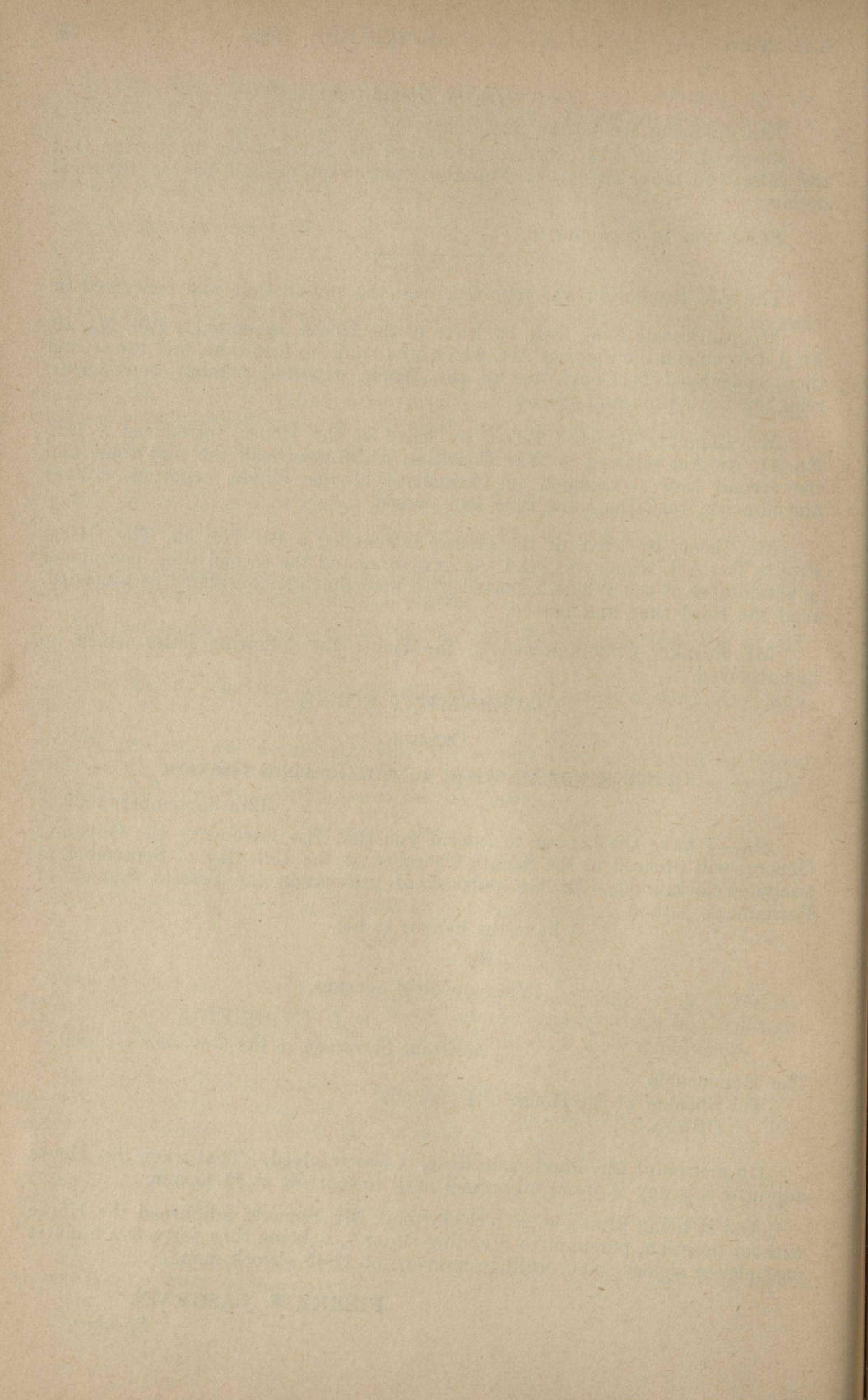
The Speaker of the House of Commons,
Ottawa.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, it was resolved,—That when this House adjourns this day it stand adjourned until to-morrow at 11.45 a.m.

And it being after eleven o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without question, pursuant to Standing Order 7, it being then forty-five minutes past eleven o'clock, p.m., until to-morrow, at 11.45 o'clock, a.m.

PIERRE F. CASGRAIN,

Speaker.



ADDENDUM
TO
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1939

APPENDIX

TO

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EMERGENCY ORDERS IN COUNCIL LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE
HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA RESPECTING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY SERVICE
REGISTRATION BUREAU

P.C. 2620

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 9th September, 1939.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 9th September, 1939, from the Postmaster General, referring to a Minute of Council dated the 30th August, 1939 (P.C. 2474), which provided for certain special committees of Council, one of which has to do with Public Information under the convenorship of the Postmaster General.

The Minister states that offers of assistance to Canada in the broadest sense are being received in all Government Departments, and that in order that the best possible advantage may be taken of these offers, it is essential that they be referred to a central body for examination in order that the qualifications of each individual may be considered together with the country's needs, and that each be assigned to the best possible advantage.

The Minister, therefore, recommends that the necessary authority be given for the setting up of a War Services Offers Bureau to direct and have general control of the tabulation, organization and co-ordination of all voluntary offers of service for the defence of Canada and such other activities as may be decided upon in relation to the state of war now existing and to engage and employ such staff as may be requisite for this purpose.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation and advise that the requisite authority be granted accordingly.

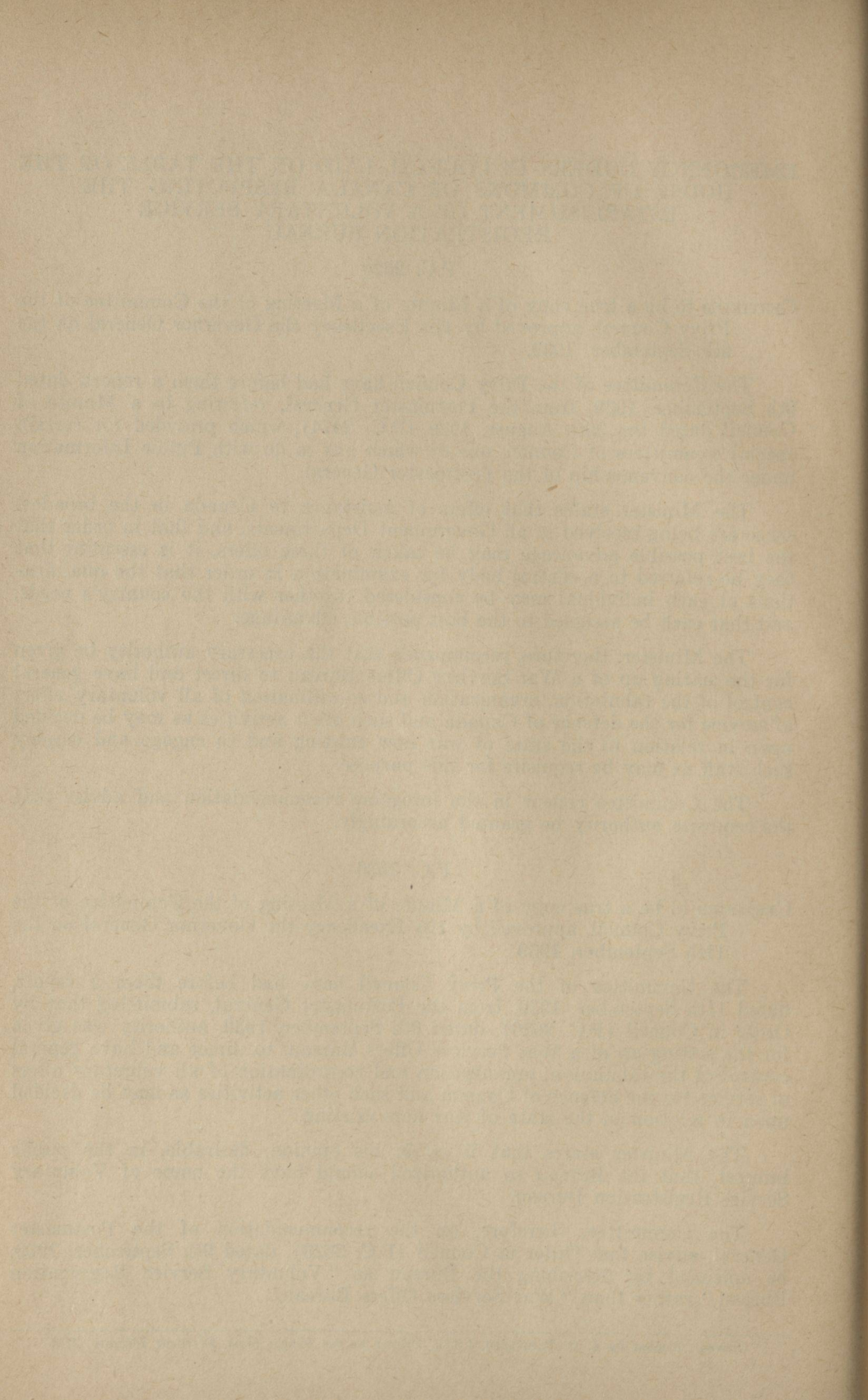
P.C. 2636

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 11th September, 1939.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 11th September, 1939, from the Postmaster General, submitting that by Order in Council (P.C. 2620), dated 9th September, 1939, authority was given for the setting up of a War Services Offers Bureau, to direct and have general control of the tabulation, organization and co-ordination of all voluntary offers of service for the defence of Canada and such other activities as may be decided upon in relation to the state of war now existing.

The Minister states that it is, in his opinion, desirable, in the public interest, that the Bureau so authorized should have the name of Voluntary Service Registration Bureau.

The Committee, therefore, on the recommendation of the Postmaster General, advise that Order in Council (P.C. 2620), dated 9th September, 1939, be amended by describing the Bureau as "Voluntary Service Registration Bureau" rather than "War Services Offers Bureau."



No. 6

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1939

11.45 o'clock, a.m.

PRAYERS.

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate had passed the following Bills, without any amendment:—

- Bill No. 6, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.
- Bill No. 7, An Act to amend the Excise Act, 1934.
- Bill No. 8, An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.
- Bill No. 9, An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.
- Bill No. 5, An Act respecting a Department of Munitions and Supply.
- Bill No. 11, An Act relating to War Charities.
- Bill No. 10, An Act to amend the Salaries Act.
- Bill No. 12, The Excess Profits Tax Act.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, desiring the immediate attendance of the House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker with the House went to the Senate Chamber; when His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—

- An Act to incorporate The Canadian Patriotic Fund.
- An Act to amend the Customs Tariff.
- An Act to amend the Excise Act, 1934.
- An Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.
- An Act to amend the Income War Tax Act.
- An Act respecting a Department of Munitions and Supply.
- An Act to amend the Salaries Act.
- An Act relating to War Charities.
- The Excess Profits Tax Act.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:—

“In His Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to these Bills.”

Then the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons addressed His Excellency the Governor General, as follows:—

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

“The Commons of Canada have voted Supplies required to enable the Government to defray certain expenses of the Public Service.

“In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency the following Bill:—

“An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for National Defence and Security.

“To which Bill I humbly request Your Excellency’s Assent.”

To this Bill the Clerk of the Senate, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, did thereupon say:—

“In His Majesty’s name His Excellency the Governor General thanks His Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the Fifth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech:—

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you in the name of His Majesty the King for the manner in which you have responded to the demands of this critical time. In enacting measures necessary for the defence of Canada you have performed a primary national obligation. In providing voluntarily for effective co-operation by Canada at the side of Britain and France in a war to resist aggression, you have made a momentous decision. The promptness with which you have acted affords unmistakable evidence of the ability of a free people, through its representatives in a free Parliament, to meet the grave emergencies of war.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the appropriation you have made to meet the needs arising from the state of war.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

The people of Canada will, I know, face the future with calm and resolute courage. The days of stress and strain, which lie ahead, cannot fail to prove a supreme test of national determination and endurance.

In bringing this special war session to its close, I pray that an all-wise Providence may guard and guide this land, united in an effort to do what lies within its power to help defend and preserve the liberties of mankind.

His Honour the SPEAKER OF THE SENATE then said:—

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Monday, the 23rd day of October, next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday, the 23rd day of October, next.

PIERRE F. CASGRAIN,

Speaker.

