

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 9, 1949

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVILEGE

REFERENCE TO COUNT JACQUES DE BERNONVILLE

Mr. Frederic Dorion (Charlevoix-Saguenay): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. I am one of two counsel for Count de Bernonville, a citizen of France who is before the court contesting an order for deportation. It is for this reason that I strongly resent the untrue and unfounded statement made yesterday by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Stewart), when the orders of the day were called. He said:

Is the minister aware that this man is a traitor, and that he betrayed our allied soldiers to the gestapo?

Had I not been convinced, not only of this man's innocence, but especially of his assistance to our soldiers during the war, I would not have acted for him. My conviction is based on authentic and true documents which are in my possession. I invite anyone, especially any hon. member of this house, to come to my office and examine those documents if he so wishes.

BILL OF RIGHTS

PRESENTATION OF PETITION SIGNED BY 625,510 CANADIANS

Mr. Alistair Stewart (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have been asked to present to this house, on the same basis as previously, a petition signed by 625,510 Canadians requesting a bill of rights. I now present this petition, although I do not agree with the religious views of the organization which promoted it.

NEWFOUNDLAND

CORRESPONDENCE PROTESTING AGAINST PROCEDURE IN UNION WITH CANADA

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I desire to lay on the table several documents in connection with the protests from organizations in Newfoundland concerning the procedure followed in connection with the union of Newfoundland with Canada. There are two communications addressed to the former prime minister, and

the answers which he made thereto. The first communication is dated the 29th of July, 1948, and the answer is dated the 30th of July, 1948. It was a telegram. The other communication is dated the 10th of August, 1948, the answer being dated the 11th of August, 1948.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

AGRICULTURAL PRICES SUPPORT BOARD—
PURCHASES AND PAYMENTS, 1947-48

Mr. Hatfield:

1. What amounts were paid out by the agricultural prices support board during the years 1947 and 1948?
2. What quantity of each agricultural product was purchased, showing agent's name?

Mr. McCubbin:

1. Calendar year 1947, \$97,286.84; calendar year 1948, \$3,961,357.82.
2. 1947—Potatoes: F. W. Pirie Company Ltd., Grand Falls, N.B., 11,047,575 lbs.; Geo. E. Full & Sons, Hunter River, P.E.I., 1,496,840 lbs.

1948—Apples: Nova Scotia apple marketing board, 1,694,202 bbls.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES SUPPORT BOARD—
APPLES AND ORANGES—TRADE WITH
BRAZIL

Mr. Hatfield:

1. What was the quantity and value or cost of apples in their natural state that were shipped to Brazil by the agricultural prices support board or its agents?
2. What was the quantity and value or cost of apples in processed state and apple juice shipped to Brazil by the agricultural prices support board or its agents?
3. Did the agricultural prices support board make arrangements with the Brazilian importers to accept oranges in payment for the apples or apple products shipped?
4. Were the oranges sold in Canada and how much money was received in the transaction?
5. Who handled the oranges in Canada and at what port were they received?
6. Were the oranges put into storage upon arrival?

Mr. McCubbin:

1. None.
2. None.
- 3, 4, 5 and 6. Answered by Nos. 1 and 2.