

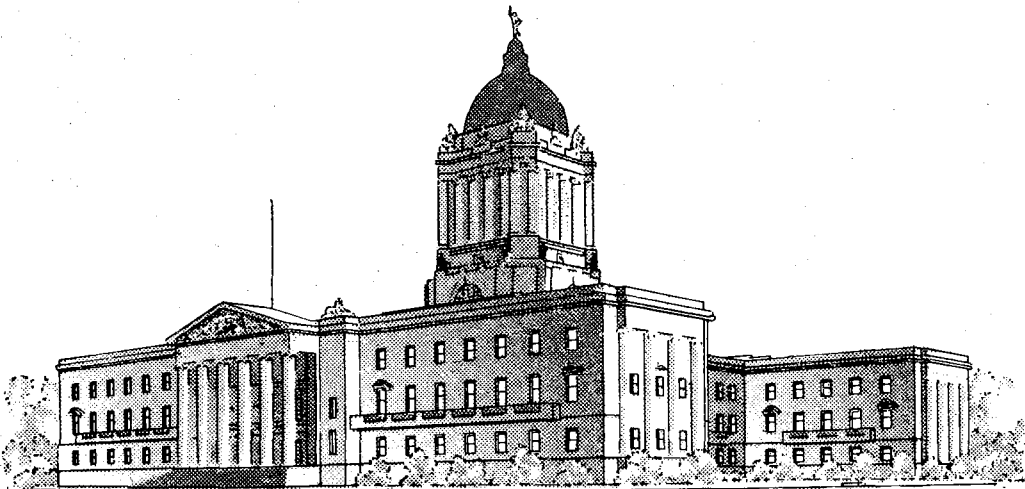


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2:30 o'clock, Tuesday, June 9th, 1959.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, carrying a Mace, and followed by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Charland Prud'homme, Q.C., entered the House.

His Honour John S. McDiarmid, the Lieutenant-Governor, entered the Chamber and seated himself on the Throne.

HONOURABLE MARCEL BOULIC (Provincial Secretary) (Cypress): I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to state that he does not see fit to declare the cause of the summoning of the present Legislature of this Province until a Speaker of this House shall have been chosen according to law.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor retired.

HONOURABLE DUFF ROBLIN (Premier) (Wolseley): Mr. Clerk, as the members of this Assembly are well aware, this is the first occasion on which the Twenty-sixth Legislature of this province has been called together. That being the case, as His Honour's advisors have pointed out to us a few minutes ago, our first duty is to elect a Speaker to preside over this Assembly, and it is only after that has been done that His Honour will see fit to disclose to us the purpose of our meeting today.

In the last Legislature of this province we had the same responsibility to perform and at that time we elected Mr. Abram William Harrison, Esq., member of the Electoral Division of Rock Lake, to be the Speaker of this House. During the two sessions which were held of that particular Legislature, Mr. Harrison occupied the chair, and in my opinion, Sir, he did so in a becoming and a fitting manner. It is true that like the rest of mankind a Speaker may make mistakes, and I am sure that all Speakers make mistakes in the course of their tenure of office, but we of the House are very willing to accept that situation because we have confidence that the men that we elect as Speakers will carry out their duties in an impartial manner dealing fairly with all the members of this Legislature. Now, I think it may be said of Mr. Harrison that during his tenure as Speaker of the House that to the best of his ability he upheld the high traditions of his office and conducted himself in a manner worthy of the presiding officer of this Assembly. With those thoughts in mind, Sir, I would like to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture and Immigration, that Abram William Harrison, Esquire, member for the Electoral Division of Rock Lake, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

MR. CHARLAND PRUD'HOMME (Clerk of the Legislative Assembly): Moved by the Honourable the First Minister, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture and Immigration, that Abram William Harrison, Esquire, member for the Electoral Division of Rock Lake, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

MR. D. L. CAMPBELL (Leader of the Opposition) (Lakeside): Mr. Clerk, may I enquire if it is the purpose of the seconder to speak at this time? A commendable practice I am sure.

Mr. Clerk, as many of the distinguished visitors who have honoured us with their presence here today are the same who were with us on a similar occasion in October last year, I think it will be unnecessary for me to -- and I am sure a lot of people will appreciate this -- it will be unnecessary for me to repeat all of the things that I said at that time -- I rather expected some applause -- But any ones who are unfamiliar with the arguments that I advanced at that time, which to me seemed to be cogent and important, can at their leisure read them by getting copy No. 1 of the Hansard of the October, 1958 Session. So it is not my purpose to take the time of the honourable members today or to trespass upon the patience of the visitors who have come to meet with us, to go again through the arguments that I used at that time as to why my colleagues and I object to the procedure that has been adopted in choosing the Speaker. We recall that in the Session of a year and a couple of months ago that this House, the House as then constituted, passed unanimously two bills that were intended to pave the way toward what has become a great tradition in the United Kingdom and our Mother of Parliaments, looking toward the establishment of greater independence and greater permanency in the occupancy of the individual who fills the important post of Mr. Speaker in our House. And I maintain, Mr. Clerk, that once again the engagement that was entered into at that time has been

(Mr. Campbell cont'd.) . . . violated because no such attempt has been made on this occasion, just as a serious attempt was not made, in my opinion, on the other occasion, and I think that a great pity, Mr. Clerk, because I think that we were a year ago, or rather less than a year ago, and again now, we are in a position to have implemented the principle that was enunciated at that time. Well, all I suggest is that we record our disapproval of the method. Once again it is not of the individual who has been nominated; it is simply the principle that we still believe that it would have been the right way to try and arrange with the three groups in the House to have moved some distance along the way of electing an independent non-partisan Speaker.

However, it is not our purpose on this occasion to do more than record our feelings in this regard. Last year there was some point, it seemed to us, in pressing the matter to the extent of a vote because at that time we had the forces on this side of the House, and had we stayed united we could have carried our wishes. This time, in the interval, the electorate, the supreme authority has spoken, and it has been decided that we do not on this side, even if we could have the co-operation of our honourable friends, carry our wishes. So if the government has made up its mind then it is in a position to implement its program. I fear that the C.C.F. group on that occasion was somewhat blinded by the glare of the undimmed highlights of political promises in the government's program of that time to the extent that they did not recognize the merit of our argument. But whatever the reason, the fact is that they chose to associate themselves with the government rather than with us and consequently we did not manage to implement the program at that time. So I simply record now, so far as my colleagues and I are concerned, that we disapprove of the method that has been chosen to pick the nominee for Speaker and that that disapproval is founded on the principle that we believe the unanimous undertaking of the House of a year and a half ago should have been implemented by choosing an independent non-partisan Speaker.

MR. RUSSELL PAULLEY (Leader of the C.C.F.) (Radisson): Mr. Clerk, it feels to me incumbent to say a few remarks at this time in respect to the situation in the position of our Party. As the Honourable the Leader of the Opposition has indicated that two measures were passed some considerable time ago in order to implement, or at least attempt to implement here in Manitoba, a similar situation as he says in regard to the Speakership in the British Isles. I might say that it was a rather belated effort on the part of the gentlemen to my right at that time. However, the fact remains today, Mr. Clerk, that before we can proceed with the opening of this Legislature and hear what goodies, if they are goodies, that my honourable friends opposite have to offer to the people of Manitoba, that it is necessary for us to elect a Speaker. I would suggest to my honourable friend on the right that if during the period of the Session he cares to propose some method by which this might be achieved in a more substantial manner, such as the creation of a new seat for the Speaker in order that no constituency would be without representation, that it would receive our earnest consideration. That being what it is and the situation being as it is, and because of the fact that at the opening of the former Legislature we of the C.C.F. took the viewpoint that we were only following precedents of past legislatures in agreeing to the nominee as proposed. I might say this, that during the course of the two Sessions that we had of that Legislature, Mr. Speaker was on numerous occasions on a hot seat. On many occasions, or on some occasions we did not agree with his decisions, but notwithstanding that, we came to the realization and the knowledge, if we didn't have it before, that he is an honourable individual and even went so far on one occasion, Mr. Clerk, to vote against the desires of the minority government on a tie vote when they had a certain support we didn't anticipate at the time. So I think, Mr. Clerk, that clearly indicates the position that we are taking now. Again I say we have followed this procedure in the past. I see no point in arguing the matter today but again would suggest to my honourable friend who has just taken his seat, that if it is his desire that a new method of approach be made to this in conjunction with the legislation which was passed in previous sessions, we would give it our full consideration in the forthcoming session after we have elected a Speaker to the House in order that we might be able to propose to him and to this Assembly, Motions and Resolutions.

MR. EDMOND PREFONTAINE (Carillon): Mr. Clerk, after having sat in this House for some twenty-four years I might say that I fully agree with the principle that was approved of a year ago last February when this House decided that it should have a permanent and independent Speaker - a non-partisan person. Last year at the same occasion I brought out the suggestion,

(Mr. Prefontaine cont'd.) . . . which is to me a matter of principle, that when -- if and when a permanent, non-partisan Speaker would be chosen it would be desirable that this person should have a working knowledge of the two official languages in this House. As we all know, this Legislature is bilingual -- officially. Both languages can be spoken in this Legislature and this fact could be recognized by having a Speaker who would at least be able to understand both languages. When I made this suggestion last year it was hinted that I was preaching for a "call". That was not the fact at all. Again, this year, I would like to state the same principle that if and when an independent non-partisan Speaker is chosen, a desirable qualification of that person would be his ability to understand both official languages in this House.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I should make a comment on what has been said. I am in substantial sympathy with the sentiments of the last speaker who suggested it would be advisable if two languages were understood by the presiding officer, and I trust that in time we may find a gentleman with those qualifications. I notice that even in Ottawa where they have a much wider choice of bilingual speakers than we have here, they sometimes have difficulty in securing a person with those two qualifications. Nevertheless they are desirable. I cannot agree with the suggestions that have been made that the nominee that has been put forward today is not non-partisan in conducting his duties in the Chair. I do feel that the experiences that we have had over the past few months in connection with the honourable gentleman indicate that within the reasonable bounds of human nature he is non-partisan in his rulings in this Chamber. I think I should also place on the record the fact that a very serious effort was made last autumn to secure a Speaker on which all three parties could agree. I think it is a fact that the legislation that we passed before is designed to set the tone to set a framework for a Speaker selected in that way, and a very serious effort was made to do that on the last occasion that we chose one, but I regret to say that we were not successful. I hope, however, that by continued discussion of this very important matter we will be able to come to a meeting of the minds in respect of the selection of a Speaker who does meet with the approval of everyone in this Chamber, but I do say that I think that as far as one can tell at the moment that the nominee that has been put forward is the man most likely to command at least the greatest measure of support in the House.

MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Clerk, fortunately it's not a rule in this House that you have to remain silent if you have nothing to say and I have but little to add to what I said before, but I must declare the principle that the Honourable the First Minister has the right to speak a second time on a motion where he does not, according to the rules, have the closing of the debate, that I must maintain my right to reply also. And taking advantage of that opportunity I would like to comment on what the Leader of the C.C.F. group has said, because as I understood him, he said that if I would be prepared now to move something further with regard to the implementation of a permanent speakership that he would be ready to give it very serious consideration.

MR. PAULLEY: Mr. Clerk, may I just interject. I had no thought of it now but during the session after we have a Speaker.

MR. CAMPBELL: I mean, I didn't mean to suggest now at this moment, but I mean at this session. That's what the honourable member was suggesting and apparently he's not willing to use the legislation that we already have to go along with the proposal, but as something more is done then it will apparently influence his decision to some extent. But the one point that I wanted to make was in reply to the Honourable the First Minister when he says that a very serious effort was made last year to try and get agreement among the groups of the House at that time. Mr. Clerk, I reiterate what I said last year. It is true that when the then Leader of the C.C.F. Party and I were called in to discuss this matter that we were faced with the position that the nominee had already been chosen and had been decided upon. We were called into consultation only to rubber-stamp a decision that had already been made by my honourable friend's caucus. That is true! My honourable friend shakes his head, but that is true. That's not what Mr. Stinson said last year, but Mr. Stinson was in the position -- the poor fellow, we've got him where he can't speak for himself this time -- but Mr. Stinson said last year that there was discussion -- discussion of the matter. Mr. Stinson never denied what I said, that we were faced with the fact that the group over there had already chosen their nominee and my

(Mr. Campbell cont'd.) . . . honourable friends on the front row and the honourable the gentleman who has been nominated today, know that that is a fact. So where is your serious effort in that? There just isn't one. The Honourable the First Minister says, after making those pious remarks, that he regrets to say that we were not successful. Why would you be successful with an arrangement of that kind, when pretending to choose the Speaker by discussion among the groups, the leaders of the other two groups were called in to be faced with a choice already made and asked only to rubber-stamp that decision. That is what happened last year.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Clerk, I am not going to continue this debate now for obvious reasons but I will welcome the opportunity of discussing the matter fully with my honourable friend in the appropriate time in the sessions of this Legislature because in my opinion he has not correctly stated the position of the Leader of the C.C.F. Party, nor indeed my own.

MR. CAMPBELL: My honourable friend will have the opportunity of developing this matter just as fully as he wishes. I propose to spend some time on it myself and to put my honourable friend, the Leader of the C.C.F. Party, and his group on the spot, with a proposal to give them an opportunity to implement for once -- for once, one of the things that they talk about and then turn their backs on when it comes towards implementation. So my honourable friend will have that opportunity and, like him, I agree there will be a more appropriate time to debate the matter fully.

Mr. Clerk put the question and declared the motion carried in the affirmative and the Honourable Abram William Harrison, Esquire, Member for the Electoral Division of Rock Lake, duly elected to the Chair of this House.

The Speaker was then conducted to the Chair by Honourable Mr. Roblin, Mover, and Honourable Mr. Willis, Seconder, and was invested with the robes of office.

MR. SPEAKER: Honourable Members of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature, I am not unmindful of the honour which you have conferred on me today in electing me to the highest office within the gift of this Assembly, that of your Speaker and your Servant. It will be my aim and duty to uphold the principles and traditions of the House and secure for each member the right to express his opinion within limits; to preserve the decorum of the Chamber; to recognize the rights and privileges of the honourable members, the political groups and the House itself; to facilitate the transaction of public business in an orderly manner and above all to seek to be fair and impartial in the decisions that you have entrusted to me. If these are your objectives, and I believe they are, I ask for your patience and co-operation in approaching them. I deeply appreciate your action in elevating me to the Speaker's Chair. With your assistance I hope to fulfill the commitments with dignity and honour.

May it please your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker though I am but little able to fulfill the important duties assigned to me.

If in the performance of these duties I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duties to their Queen and Country, hereby humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Honour's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Honour the most favourable consideration.

MR. BOULIC: Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temperance and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional rights.

I am also commanded to assure you that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Honour upon all reasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

HONOURABLE JOHN STEWART McDIARMID (Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba):

Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba:

I welcome you to the first session of the 26th Legislature of the Province of Manitoba and should like to extend a special greeting to those Members who have taken the oath and signed the roll for the first time. I know that you will uphold the high tradition of public service which the Members of this assembly have set themselves over the years.

When I last addressed the Assembly I outlined in some detail the program which my Government wished to lay before the House for approval. Since that time a new legislature has been elected. My Government has informed me that it proposes to proceed with many measures which I outlined when I last spoke to the House. At this time, therefore, I shall touch only on some of the main measures which will be laid before you.

Despite a late spring break-up and heavy rains throughout many areas of the province, our 1959-60 highway construction program continues at record pace.

A factor contributing to success in this field was our policy of advertising highways for future construction in the early fall to enable contractors to examine the locations before tenders were called in the winter time. This resulted in contracts being awarded much ahead of normal time.

I am pleased to report that, up to the end of May, contracts had been let representing work on 1206 miles of roads and their ancillary structures at a cost of \$19,216,500.00

In addition to this, major projects under Aids to Municipalities totalled \$2,175,000.00 in the same period.

The highway needs study which is now well under way will lead to the advanced planning and programming of our highways for years to come.

In agriculture, Manitoba's most important industry, total 1958 cash income received by Manitoba farmers was \$229,000,000.00 - \$28,000,000.00 more than in 1957.. This increase is almost entirely due to income received from livestock and livestock products. Despite the more favourable conditions in the livestock market, the index of prices received by farmers continues to fall while the index of prices paid by farmers continues to rise. This situation is of great concern to my Government which will propose measures designed to assist the improvement and orderly development of the agricultural industry.

The Manitoba Agricultural Credit Corporation, authorized under the Agricultural Credit Act, is now in operation and action is being taken on loan applications.

Proposals will be made to reconstitute the Department of Agriculture and Immigration as the Department of Agriculture and Conservation and increased sums will be sought for expansion particularly for land-use and conservation, water control and drainage.

You will be asked to approve expansion of agricultural education facilities, including wider provision for student bursaries and for on-the-farm training in farm management. A five-year plan for increased accommodation and research at the University of Manitoba will be laid before you and you will also be asked to approve the expansion and improvement of agricultural advisory services regarding agricultural statistics, agricultural representatives and other specialists.

My Government proposes to introduce new measures to assist in the supply of potable water for the Manitoba countryside, including the Pembina triangle and other similar areas.

My Government intends to introduce legislation to provide for a system of crop insurance to co-ordinate and supplement the crop insurance proposals of the Government of Canada.

You will be asked to approve increased assistance for agricultural fairs.

Special arrangements have been made to provide loans for young farmers at a low rate of interest.

In the field of natural resources, my Government is placing strong emphasis on determining the extent and value of our resources, how production of those now being utilized may be safely increased and how others may be brought into production to the greatest advantage of the public interest. To this end, scientific and engineering studies are required, access must be provided and regional economic studies have to be made.

The estimates which you will be asked to consider will allow aggressive action on a number of programs already planned, with priority given to urgent problems of rehabilitation.

(Hon. Mr. McDiarmid, cont'd)....

My Government is engaged in programs designed to encourage continuous economic growth. A measure will be placed before you providing for the establishment of an economic development authority. This new agency will co-ordinate the work of government and semi-government agencies concerned with the economic development of the province. The purpose of this authority will be, on the one hand, to help create conditions to encourage private investment in the development of Manitoba's natural resources and, on the other hand, to protect the public interest. My Ministers believe that the new authority will play an important role in northern development and that the resources of the northern areas of the province will make a rapidly increasing contribution to the wealth and welfare of the people of Manitoba.

My Ministers advise that the Manitoba Development Fund has already proved to be of practical assistance to small and medium-sized enterprises in the province. Since this agency commenced operations earlier this year, loans totalling approximately \$800,000.00 have been authorized.

My Government also intends to initiate a regional development program designed to increase rural industrial development and to carry forward its increased tourist development program.

My Ministers inform me that 39 of the proposed 46 school divisions have been formed and are now functioning. One more will be established next week and another will probably be in operation by September. You will be asked to vote larger sums of money for school grants to provide more and better educational opportunities for Manitoba students.

The University and its affiliated colleges will find more adequate provision in the estimates for their needs both current and capital.

Legislation will be introduced to enable the Manitoba Text Book Bureau to supply free texts, to facilitate transfers of districts from one division to another and to broaden the authority for guarantee of interest on school debentures.

You will be asked to supply funds for certain improvements in our penal establishments. These will include a program for a gradual extension of adult and juvenile probation services to all parts of Manitoba. Proposals will be made for the start of a new rehabilitation program for adult prisoners. A beginning has been made in the segregation of young adult offenders.

Construction of a new and modern home for girls will be reported upon.

Amendments will be offered to the Child Welfare Act to clarify and expedite the procedure for giving medical service and treatment to children who are neglected within the meaning of that act.

A new plan will be proposed for premium collections for the Hospital Insurance Plan, designed to relieve municipalities of much of their responsibility in this regard. Certain other amendments to the Act to correct administrative difficulties will also be placed before you.

You will be asked to approve expenditures for the construction of a new hospital to rehabilitate patients who can be returned to normal productive living. These facilities will also provide for a school of physical and occupational therapy to be conducted under university auspices.

The operation of the Hospital Insurance Plan has shown the need for additional nursing personnel in all categories and to this end the facilities for the training of licensed practical nurses, operated by my Government, will be tripled during the coming year.

The need for increased facilities for the care of the mentally ill and the mentally defective is of concern to my Government, and you will be asked to approve expenditures for increased staff and the construction of additional hospital beds to meet these demands.

The rapid development of the northern areas of our province will require increased public health services. My Government proposes to establish a new northern health service.

My Government will reintroduce to this Legislature the substantial and far-reaching reforms in welfare policies and legislation presented to the second session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature.

Accordingly you will be asked to consider the new Social Allowances Act, the new Elderly Persons Housing Act and a number of amendments to such other welfare measures as the Health and Public Welfare Act, the Child Welfare Act and the Old Age Assistance Act.

(Hon. Mr. McDiarmid (cont'd))...

In so far as it is within its power, it is the intention of my Government to invest the resources of the province in human betterment. To this end you will be asked to provide substantial increases in the welfare appropriations of the Department of Health and Public Welfare in order to secure higher levels of social security for our needy citizens.

The Workmen's Compensation Act will be enlarged and reformed. Proposals in respect to the Vacations with Pay Act, apprenticeship and the Department of Labour inspection services will be put forward.

My Government will ask for approval of legislation to provide for a measure of local participation in the administration of local government districts.

You will also be asked to approve legislation authorizing municipal authorities to make extraterritorial expropriations for sanitation purposes.

You will be asked to consider legislation requiring the bonding of all municipal officials at levels approved by the responsible Minister.

Legislation will be introduced to provide for group life insurance for the benefit of our civil service. You will be asked to consider making provision for the funds required to bring the salaries of civil servants to prevailing rates.

My Government proposes to divide the functions of the present Municipal and Public Utility Board. This will call for the separate establishment of a municipal board and of a public utilities board.

My Government proposes to implement certain recommendations of the Natural Gas Distribution Enquiry Commission of Greater Winnipeg.

You will be asked to approve extensions of the driver improvement and control program, the formation of a highway safety board and a traffic co-ordinating board.

Estimates for the requirements for the public services of the province for the next fiscal year and the public accounts for the last fiscal year will be placed before you for your consideration.

I leave you now to the faithful performance of your many duties and trust that in meeting them you may have the guidance of Divine Providence in all your deliberations.

"God Save the Queen"

MR. SPEAKER: Oh Eternal and Almighty God, from Whom all power and wisdom come, and by Whom Kings rule and make equitable laws, we are assembled here before Thee to frame such laws as may tend to the welfare and prosperity of our province. Grant, Oh Merciful God, we pray Thee, that we may desire only that which is in accordance with Thy Will, that we may seek it with wisdom, know it with certainty, and accomplish it perfectly for the Glory and Honour of Thy Name and for the welfare of all our people. Amen.

HON. DUFF ROBLIN (Premier): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Mines and Natural Resources, that leave be given to introduce a bill, No. 1, an Act respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office, and that the same be now received and read a first time.

Mr. Speaker presented the bill, and after a voice vote, declared the motion carried.

MR. SPEAKER: In order to prevent mistakes I have obtained a copy of the speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor which was read. I have to inform the House that George Milne has been appointed Sergeant-at-Arms for the First Session of the Twenty-Sixth Legislature.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Attorney-General, that the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, having first been perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Health and Public Welfare, that the Select Standing Committees of this House for the present session be appointed for the following purposes: Law Amendments; Public Accounts; Municipal Affairs; Agriculture and Immigration; Public Utilities and Natural Resources;

(Mr. Roblin, cont'd)... Privileges and Elections; Private Bills, Standing Orders, Printing and Library; Industrial Relations; which several committees shall be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by this House and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon with power to send for persons, papers and documents and examine witnesses under oath.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion.

MR. CAMPBELL: It occurred to me that the committee which is one of the very important ones of this House, formerly known as Agriculture and Immigration, perhaps should now be known as Agriculture and Conservation if that's the name that the department is going to carry, because I believe it's primarily the Agricultural Committee. It's something that we don't think needs any action as far as this motion is concerned but perhaps the Leader of the House would give consideration to changing the name at some time.

MR. ROBLIN: I'm sure I can undertake to do that, but until such times as the Legislature has approved of our proposals for the change of the title of the department it did not seem appropriate that we should change the title of the committee, but I am sure that we will have an opportunity to amend our rules in order to make this change effective in due course.

Mr. Speaker put the question and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, that a committee of seven persons be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed a list of members to compose a Select Standing Committee as ordered by this House, and that such Committee shall be composed as follows: Honourable Messrs. Roblin, Lyon, McLean, Messrs. Ridley, Campbell, Molgat and Paulley.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion and after a voice vote declared the motion carried.

MR. ROBLIN: Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Public Utilities, that the speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be taken into consideration tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker presented the motion, and after a voice vote, declared the motion carried.

MR. ROBLIN: That completes our formalities this afternoon. I would therefore beg to move, seconded by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture, that the House do now adjourn.

Mr. Speaker put the motion and the House was adjourned until 2:30 the following afternoon.