

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, March 28, 1949

The house met at three o'clock.

PRIVILEGE

REFERENCE TO EDITORIAL IN MANITOBA
"COMMONWEALTH" OF MARCH 19

Mr. J. S. Sinnott (Springfield): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege, having to do with an editorial in the Manitoba *Commonwealth* of March 19, 1949, referring to myself. The editorial reads in part as follows:

The average income of a skilled railway worker is now about \$2,600 a year. Mr. Sinnott, the Liberal M.P., does not consider this a very big income, as incomes go, but he considers it too much for railwaymen.

I deny that statement emphatically; I never said any such thing. In fact this is a dodge of the socialist party. They are holding their convention in my riding on April 9.

Mr. MacInnis: What did you say?

Mr. Ross (Souris): Are you sure you will not be a candidate at the convention?

Mr. Sinnott: I say to the man who wrote this half-baked article that he should refer to page 5421 of *Hansard* of 1948. If he does so, he will see where I stand as far as railway workers and all other wage earners are concerned.

Mr. MacInnis: What do you say in 1949?

Mr. Sinnott: For the information of the writer of the article, I may say that railway workers are my best friends. A railway worker was one of those who seconded my nomination last fall.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

NEWFOUNDLAND

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CELEBRATION ON ENTRY
INTO CONFEDERATION

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Hon. members will no doubt be interested to learn of the arrangements being made to mark the entry of Newfoundland into confederation. Brief ceremonies are being arranged at St. John's and at Ottawa on Friday, April 1, and they will be broadcast both by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and by the Broadcasting Corporation of Newfoundland.

The ceremony will begin with the reading of the commission and the swearing in of the lieutenant governor of the new province at St. John's. As part of the same ceremony, the Secretary of State of Canada (Mr. Gibson) will present a token certificate of Canadian citizenship to the newly-appointed lieutenant governor, who will receive it on behalf of the people of Newfoundland. This ceremony will be broadcast from St. John's, beginning at twelve o'clock noon Ottawa time, one-thirty p.m. St. John's time.

The ceremony at Ottawa will follow immediately. It will be held on parliament hill. His Excellency the Governor General, I as Prime Minister, and a minister from Newfoundland who will be sworn in that morning, will welcome the new province. As part of the ceremony in Ottawa the first strokes will be taken to carve the Newfoundland coat of arms on the blank plaque under the arch of the peace tower.

A program will be made public for Thursday afternoon's papers giving any additional details which may be of general interest.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT NOTICES OF
MOTIONS ON MONDAY, MARCH 28

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): I should like to move the motion of which notice is to be found at page 34 of today's orders of the day. It reads:

That on Monday, March 28 instant, government notices of motions shall have precedence over all other business except routine proceedings, introduction of bills, questions, and notices of motions for production of papers.

The purpose of the motion is to provide an opportunity to discuss today the resolution standing in my name having to do with the North Atlantic security pact. If the motion that I have just read is adopted, it is not the intention of the government to avail itself of it for any other purpose than to consider the motion with respect to the North Atlantic security pact. If that motion is disposed of before the end of the day the house will then revert to the business provided by the standing orders.

(Translation):

Mr. Maxime Raymond (Beauharnois-Laprairie): Mr. Speaker, I regret that I am unable to support this motion. The private