

Daily sitting 33

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

10 o'clock a.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Speaker requested that the Premier and the Leader of the Official Opposition withdraw the term “misleading”, which they did.

Mr. Wetmore, Member for Gagetown-Petitcodiac, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the Legislature to reinstate the Gagetown Ferry service. (Petition 21)

Mr. Fairgrieve gave Notice of Motion 25 that on Thursday, March 30, 2017, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Macdonald:

WHEREAS during the First World War, Vimy Ridge and its surrounding area in northern France was seized and held by the German army in September 1914 providing them with a commanding view of French, British and Canadian forces;

WHEREAS early efforts by the French army to capture this strategic site had been unsuccessful and had resulted in thousands of casualties;

WHEREAS in early 1917 the Canadian corps under the leadership of Lieutenant General Sir Julian Byng was ordered to capture the ridge as part of a major British offensive near Arras;

WHEREAS the Canadian corps, understanding the significant challenges they faced, commenced an extensive tactical study of the position, conducted extensive training, and amassed huge quantities of ammunition and supplies to capture the objective;

WHEREAS the Canadian corps was comprised of men from every area of Canada and various other countries of birth formed the infantry, engineer, and numerous support units making up the four Canadian divisions;

WHEREAS these four divisions of Canadian corps along with the British XVII Corps would launch an attack on Vimy Ridge on 9 April, 1917, at 5:30 a.m.;

WHEREAS by noon on 9 April, 1917, three divisions had reached their objectives and by 12 April, the Canadians had captured Vimy Ridge from the German army;

WHEREAS in spite of the enormous casualties, the battle tactics used by the Canadians and the resulting success exemplified the Canadian corps as masters of offensive warfare and gave Canada new international recognition;

WHEREAS the unity and spirit of the Canadian fighting men continued with numerous other successful battles against the German forces and greatly aided in bringing the conflict to an end in November 1918;

WHEREAS the Battle of Vimy Ridge is an epic part of the Canadian identity and history, and the Vimy memorial an iconic tribute to the sacrifice of Canadians during the Great War;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that April 9, 2017, be proclaimed as Vimy Ridge Day in New Brunswick.

Ms. Dubé, Opposition House Leader, gave notice that on Thursday, March 23, 2017, Opposition Members' Business would be considered in the following order: Bill 26, 34 and 33.

Hon. Mr. Doucet, Government House Leader, announced that it was the intention of government that Bills 45, 46, 31 and 17 be called for second reading.

Debate resumed on the adjourned debate on the motion that Bill 45, *Community Planning Act*, be now read a second time.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Albert, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended, and the question being put that Bill 45 be now read a second time, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Accordingly, Bill 45, *Community Planning Act*, was read a second time and ordered referred to the Standing Committee on Economic Policy, as designated by the Government House Leader.

And then, 12.10 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Annual Report 2015-2016	
Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne	March 21, 2017
Annual Report 2016	
Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	March 21, 2017