
Tuesday, April 9, 2002.*1 o'clock p.m.*

Prayers.

STATEMENT BY SPEAKER

This evening, Her Majesty, The Queen Mother, was laid to rest in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, beside her late husband of 50 years, King George VI.

I had the opportunity on two occasions to spend a weekend living in St. George's House in Windsor Castle as a guest of the Queen's purses. Each morning I looked out the window overlooking the part of the chapel only a few metres away, where the Queen Mother will be buried.

The funeral service that took place today in Westminster Abbey, was televised throughout the Commonwealth, after half a million people filed by the catafalque in the 12th Century Westminster Hall, the oldest parliamentary structure in the world.

How fitting that the Queen Mother is one of two people in a century (other than a monarch) to be given the honour—Churchill was the other.

The passing of an icon that spanned the Victorian/Edwardian era and the advent of the 21st Century, has caused people of four generations to reflect on the person who most embodies the ideals of duty, service, and standards. When people could have stayed home to watch the ceremony on TV, they came out by the hundreds of thousands to show that the monarchy is alive, well and very popular.

This was also a great tribute to the Queen.

In an age of rapid change, the Queen Mother more than anyone, was the symbol of continuity.

She was born in an imperial past—a commoner, who came to symbolize the royal family as we know it. She never wanted her husband to be king, but when the crisis of 1936 came, she did more than anyone to stabilize the monarchy. Although she was the last Queen/Empress, she never lost the common touch. At 101 years old, she seemed indestructible, and although her passing was expected, it was never imminent.

Her eternal smile and her sense of humour will not be forgotten. One occasion when a poacher looked over at the elderly woman fishing on the River Dee, he said you look like the Queen Mother, Her reply—How very reassuring. Our Queen, who is a bit of a comedian in her own right—inherited this trait.

The daily telephone contact she had with her daughter (The Queen) in the early days of switchboards, when the Palace operator would announce: "Your Majesty—Her Majesty, Your Majesty."

Even the most die-hard republicans were taken in by her charm. Well into old age, she continued her royal rounds, enchanting everyone around her. "Work is the rent you pay for your place on this earth" was one of her favourite expressions.

She was born the ninth of 10 children to the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, a title that dated back to Robert the Bruce. When the second son of George V met her, she was too independent to be part of the Royal Family, but Bertie's persistence overcame her refusals to marry him—three times, to be exact. At that point, she was not destined to be Queen Consort, but the events of the abdication of Edward VIII thrust her onto the world stage.

The Second World War was undoubtedly her finest hour. Her fighting spirit, which kept her among the people, helped everyone through the difficult times with their backs to the wall. No wonder Hitler called her "the most dangerous woman in Europe". Even in the middle of the bombed-out ruins, she always looked like a queen, dressed to the nines. Her explanation was that if the poor people had come to see her, they would have worn their best clothes. She was merely returning the honour.

In closing, in the words of her favourite grandchild, Charles, Prince of Wales:

I would have said that most grandsons probably have a rather special relationship with their grandmothers, which is no doubt something to do with the difference in generations, but ever since I can remember my grandmother has been the most wonderful example of fun, laughter, warmth, infinite security and, above all else, exquisite taste in so many things. For me, she has always been one of those extraordinarily rare people whose touch can turn everything to gold—whether it be putting people at their ease, turning something dull into something amusing, bringing happiness and comfort to people by her presence or making any house she lives in a unique haven of cosiness and character. She belongs to that priceless brand of human beings whose greatest gift is to enhance life for others through her own effervescent enthusiasm for life. She has been doing that through war and peace, through change and uncertainty—an inspiration and a figure of love and affection for young and old alike.

It could not have been said any better.

On the occasion of the 85th Anniversary, the Honourable the Premier acknowledged the contribution of the 4 000 Canadians veterans who lost their lives during the battle of Vimy Ridge and welcomed veterans Ab MacDonald, Len Poore, Maurice Scammell, and Richard Polchies.

To commemorate Yom haShoah or Holocaust Memorial Day, Mr. MacKenzie, Member for Fredericton-Fort Nashwaak, welcomed to the House Holocaust survivors Judy Cohen and Dr. Israel Unger and Marlene Unger.

Mr. Speaker introduced Dennis Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

Hon. Mr. Mockler welcomed to the House Gérald Clavette, Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly for the County of Madawaska (1967-1974); Madawaska-Centre(1974-1984; 1987-1995).

Mr. Richard gave Notice of Motion 63 that on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. S. Graham:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House all correspondence including documents, memos, reports, studies, letters or e-mails relating to a francophone high school in Moncton.

Mr. S. Graham gave Notice of Motion 64 that on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Allaby:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House by the Minister of Family and Community Services the analysis of needs of nursing home residents performed by DMR Consulting and presented to the Minister on March 15, 2002, as well as any correspondence, documents, memos, reports, studies, letters or e-mails pertaining to this consultation process.

Ms. Weir gave Notice of Motion 65 that on Tuesday, April 16, 2002, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kennedy:

That an address be presented to Her Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that she cause to be laid upon the table of the House copies of any and all loan guarantees provided to the Atlantic Baptist College or Atlantic Baptist University from 1992 to 1999, and copies of any other request for funding during the same period, or any document, including correspondence, related to applications for funding by the Atlantic Baptist University.

Hon. Mr. Green announced that it was the intention of the government that following Private Members' Motions, the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Business New Brunswick.

The requested documents having been tabled in the House, at the request of Mr. Allaby it was agreed by unanimous consent that Motions 35, 36, 37, 44, 45 and 58 be withdrawn.

The requested documents having been tabled, at the request of Ms. Weir it was agreed by unanimous consent that Motions 24, 25, 26, 28, 38, 40 and 41 be withdrawn.

Debate resumed on the sub-amendment to the amendment to Motion 5, moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Richard as follows:

SUB-AMENDMENT

THAT the amendment to Motion 5 be amended as follows:

At the end of the second resolution clause, add "and give consideration to the creation of a Legislative Committee to determine how to legislate pay equity in the private and public sectors of the Province of New Brunswick".

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the sub-amendment was negatived on the following recorded division:

YEAS - 8

Mrs. Mersereau	Mr. Lee	Mr. Kennedy
Mr. Allaby	Mr. Haché	Ms. Weir
Mr. Richard	Mr. S. Graham	

NAYS - 32

Hon. Mr. Mesheau	Mr. Jordan	Mr. Laforest
Hon. Mr. Green	Mr. Malley	Mr. Huntjens
Hon. Mr. Mockler	Mr. Stiles	Mr. Ashfield
Hon. Mrs. Blaney	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Bernard
Mr. Sherwood	Mr. Forbes	Mr. MacKenzie
Hon. Mrs. Jardine	Mr. Holder	Ms. M. Dubé
Hon. Mrs. MacAlpine	Mr. Kinney	Mr. Alward
Ms. Fowlie	Mr. McGraw	Mr. J. Dubé
Ms. Poirier	Mr. Steeves	Mr. Moore
Mr. Cosman	Ms. Crossman	Mr. Williams
Mr. Carr	Mr. Landry	

Mr. Speaker put the question on the amendment to Motion 5 moved by Hon. Mrs. Blaney, seconded by Mr. McFarlane, as follows:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 5 be amended by:

In the first resolution clause, by deleting all the words after the word "government" and replacing them with the following: "to continue to implement pay equity in all parts of the public service through the collective bargaining process as is currently being done";

And in the second resolution clause, by deleting the words "bring forward for" and replacing them with the word "encourage"; and by deleting the words "a white paper" and "of the province before the next election."

And the question being put, the amendment was carried.

And the question being put on the motion as amended as follows:

WHEREAS in October 2000, the Minister of Training and Employment Development was presented with a petition signed by 65,000 people demanding that the province enact pay equity legislation that would guarantee pay equity in all economic sectors;

AND WHEREAS New Brunswick women earn about \$2.70 less per hour than their male counterparts;

AND WHEREAS in New Brunswick male 1996 university graduates earn an average of \$726 more per month than their female counterparts;

AND WHEREAS on October 13, 2000 the Premier made the following commitment: *The Minister of Training and Employment Development is looking at some improvements that can be brought to the act that could help greater equity in the workforce;*

AND WHEREAS there still exists parts of the public service that are not covered by the *Pay Equity Act*;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to continue to implement pay equity in all parts of the public service through the collective bargaining process as is currently being done;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Legislature urge the government to encourage open discussion by all New Brunswickers of the province before the next election on pay equity in the private sector.

Motion 5 as amended was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 6, Mr. Richard, seconded by Mr. Allaby, moved:

WHEREAS one of the five areas on which the government was supposed to focus after the June 7, 1999 election was creating new job opportunities;

AND WHEREAS these new job opportunities have yet to materialize;

AND WHEREAS this government is not economically proactive and New Brunswick is no longer one of the places where outside businesses choose to do business and set up;

AND WHEREAS this government simply took advantage of the favourable world economic situation of the past few years to blow its own trumpet as regards the economy;

AND WHEREAS the government blames the events of September 11 and unfavourable world economic conditions to explain its lack of vision and leadership as regards job creation;

AND WHEREAS the government's sectoral strategies for achieving greater economic development have yet to materialize;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislature condemn the government's poor record on economic development and job creation.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker interrupted proceedings and announced that the time allotted for Private Members' Motions had expired.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Ashfield in the chair.

At 6 o'clock p.m. the Chairman left the chair, to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

7 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

At 8.25 p.m. the Chairman declared a recess and left the chair.

8.32 o'clock p.m.

The Committee resumed with Mr. Bernard in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Betts took the chair as Acting Chairman.

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

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr. Bernard, the Chairman,

after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker then put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES 2002-2003
ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS NEW BRUNSWICK

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$30,787,000 to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Administration	3,480,000
Business and Industry Development	17,042,000
Strategic Assistance	10,300,000
Less amounts authorized by law	35,000
Voted	30,787,000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Voted, Supply in the following amounts to defray the expenses of the following programs:

Service New Brunswick - Government Service Delivery	3,874,000
Service New Brunswick - Property Tax Assessment Provision	5,292,000
Service New Brunswick - Land Information Services	2,594,000
Service New Brunswick - Motor Vehicle Services	14,066,000

LOANS AND ADVANCES

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS NEW BRUNSWICK

Voted, Supply in the following amount and to defray the expenses of the following program:

<i>Economic Development Act, Agricultural Development</i>	
Board and Fisheries Development Act	58,800,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then 9.30 o'clock p.m., the House adjourned.

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

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 58

April 4, 2002