

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Friday, February 22, 1935

The house met at three o'clock.

HOUSING POLICY

Mr. G. D. STANLEY (East Calgary, for Mr. Ganong) presented the first report of the special committee to consider and report upon the inauguration of a national policy of house building, as follows:

Your committee recommends that it be granted leave to report from time to time.

Your committee also recommends that five hundred copies in English and two hundred copies in French of the proceedings and evidence to be taken before the committee, and all papers and records to be incorporated with such evidence, be printed from day to day; and that standing order 64 be suspended in relation thereto.

Mr. STANLEY moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

EIGHT HOUR DAY

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 21, to provide for limiting the hours of work in industrial undertakings to eight in the day and forty-eight in the week, in accordance with the convention concerning the application of the principle of the eight hour day or of the forty-eight hour week adopted by the general conference of the international labour organization in accordance with the treaties of Versailles and St. Germain.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

WEEKLY DAY OF REST

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 22, to provide for a weekly day of rest in accordance with the convention concerning the application of the weekly rest in industrial undertakings adopted by the general conference of the international labour organization in accordance with the treaties of Versailles and St. Germain.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

IMPORTS FROM U.S.S.R.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JEAN FRANCOIS POULIOT (Témiscouata): Was the importation into Canada of coal, wood pulp, pulpwood, lumber and timber of all kinds, asbestos and furs from the U.S.S.R. prohibited by order in council P.C. 463, dated February 27, 1931, for the following reasons: (a) because such country was not a contracting party to the treaty of Versailles, and (b) on account of the documentary and other evidence which had been received by the various departments of the public service in Canada? If so, (a) was the latter objection dropped before Canada signed the telegram dated Geneva, September 15, 1934, inviting the U.S.S.R. to enter the League of Nations? (b) Does the former objection still stand since the U.S.S.R. have entered the League of Nations?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Stands as notice of motion.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Hon. R. J. MANION (Minister of Railways and Canals) moved the second reading of Bill No. 20, respecting the appointment of auditors for the Canadian National Railways.

Mr. EULER: Explain.

Mr. MANION: If hon. gentlemen opposite are satisfied probably it would be better to go into committee on the bill at once. Otherwise I would have to explain it on the second reading, and that is a little more difficult because questions may be asked that I should like to answer. After all the principle of the bill, I think, is acceptable; we must appoint auditors for the Canadian National Railways. There may be some discussion, but perhaps I might be permitted to ascertain whether or not I should proceed now or whether the house will permit this bill to be considered at once in committee of the whole.