

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, April 6, 1951

The house met at three o'clock.

COINAGE

MINTING OF NEW FIVE-CENT PIECE OF STEEL
IN CHROMIUM FINISH

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table two copies, in English and in French, of order in council No. 1608, dated April 4, 1951, under the Emergency Powers Act, authorizing the minting of a new coin of steel in chromium finish to the value of five cents to be issued on and after July 1, 1951, as a substitute for the further issue of the pure nickel coin.

Mr. Knowles: What will it be worth?

TELECOMMUNICATION

ANNUAL REPORT OF CANADIAN OVERSEAS
TELECOMMUNICATION CORPORATION FOR
1950, AND BUDGET FOR 1951

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport): Pursuant to section 23 of the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation Act, I beg leave to table, in English and in French manuscript form, the annual report of the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation for the calendar year 1950, together with the budget of the corporation for 1951.

(Translation):

UNITED NATIONS

CANADA'S SHARE IN THE WORK PERTAINING TO
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN 1950-51

Mr. Jean Lesage (Montmagny-L'Islet): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, I wish to table copies in French and English of the report on Canada's share in the work of the United Nations pertaining to food and agriculture during the year ended March 31, 1951.

(Text):

PRIVATE BILL

INDUSTRIAL LOAN AND FINANCE CORPORATION

Mr. Alan Macnaughton (Mount Royal): I should like to move, seconded by the hon. member for Iles-de-la-Madeleine (Mr. Cannon):

That the petition of "Industrial Loan and Finance Corporation" for an act to change the name of that company to "Community Finance Corporation,"

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presented on April 4, 1951, together with the report made thereon by the clerk of petitions on April 5, 1951, be referred to the standing committee on standing orders for such recommendations as may be deemed advisable.

Motion agreed to.

PETITION OF RIGHT ACT

ABOLITION OF GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FIAT

Hon. Stuart S. Garson (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 192, to amend the Petition of Right Act.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Mr. Knowles: Explain.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Garson: The main purpose of the amendments to the Petition of Right Act which are proposed in this bill is to provide for the abolition of the governor general's fiat which is now required before a petition of right can be proceeded with.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT

GENERAL REVISION—AUTHORITY FOR CLASSIFYING WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES, ETC.

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 193, respecting weights and measures.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the present Weights and Measures Act was passed, I believe, about 1873. The purpose of this bill is to bring the measures up to date, and particularly to bring the language of the act into conformity with the language used today. It is proposed that if and when the bill is given second reading it will be sent to a committee for detailed study.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CIVIL SERVICE

QUESTION AS TO APPLICATION OF RECENT SALARY INCREASES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Abbott). Perhaps in his absence his parliamentary assistant could answer. Were the