

Proposed Legislation

Mr. Graydon: We are getting more from the United States than from our own mines?

Mr. Chevrier: Yes. In the war years a large proportion of the coal for Canadian National Railways use came from the United States mines. It went as far east as Moncton, and as far west as Winnipeg.

Mr. Graydon: Has it never occurred to the government that a Canadian-owned institution such as the Canadian National Railways could surely adopt some policy to utilize coal from Canadian mines, which would give employment to Canadian workers?

Mr. Chevrier: It is and always has been the policy of the government to utilize Canadian coal to the fullest extent.

Mr. Graydon: It has not worked out, though.

Mr. Chevrier: I said during the war years it was impossible to get Canadian coal, and the house knows it; because even in certain parts of the maritime provinces it was necessary to haul United States coal. At the moment, and last year and the year before, the Canadian National Railways are purchasing as much coal as they can get from mines at both extremities of Canada.

Mr. Graydon: Is the minister sure about that?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Graydon: That is not my information.

Mr. Carroll: I wish to ask one question of the Minister of Transport. Is he aware of the fact that in June and July of 1949 the railway attempted to cancel, and did cancel, a contract for 65,000 tons of coal—that is, a contract with them by the coal mining industry of the province of Nova Scotia; and the result was that it was necessary for the coal industry of that province to get the intervention of the Minister of Transport to have the contract renewed and fulfilled?

Mr. Graydon: That is letting the cat out of the bag.

Mr. Fraser: A fool policy instead of a fuel policy.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 54, STATUTES OF 1947-48—ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS

Mr. Clarence Gillis (Cape Breton South) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 6, to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act (enforcement).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Gillis: This bill, Mr. Speaker, has for its purpose the amending of the Industrial

Relations and Disputes Investigation Act. It aims at replacing the present sections 43, 44, 45 and 46 of the act by section 43 as indicated in this bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

CONSOLIDATION AND REVISION OF EXISTING LEGISLATION—ORGANIZATION FOR DEFENCE—CODE OF SERVICE DISCIPLINE, ETC.

Hon. Hugues Lapointe (for the Minister of National Defence) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to present a bill to revise and consolidate in one act the several acts respecting the Department of National Defence and the armed services of Canada, with provision *inter alia* for the payment of pay and allowances of officers and men of the forces, the salaries and expenses of members of the defence research board, fees and allowances of the members of the court martial appeal board, the compensation for loss or damage due to the exercise of emergency powers, advances to meet expenses and costs of calling out forces in aid of civil power, the acquisition and disposition of property and generally the costs of and incidental to the operation of the act, and all other matters directly concerning defence.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved:

That Louis Rene Beaudoin, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Quebec, be appointed deputy chairman of committees of the whole house, notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 56.

Motion agreed to.

SUPPLY

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved:

That this house resolve itself at its next sitting into a committee to consider of a supply to be granted to His Majesty, notwithstanding the provisions of standing order 57.

Mr. Gordon Graydon (Peel): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the leader of the opposition (Mr. Drew) I do not desire to repeat the arguments which were so eloquently and forcefully presented by him on the first day of the session; but it must have been impressed upon the minds of hon. members generally that, as was indicated by the