

The late Miss Agnes Macphail

people. But I cannot help adding what is well known in Grey-Bruce, namely, that she looked upon her public service as a means of contributing toward helping those persons who showed promise, but whose circumstances precluded the developing of that promise.

In many ways she was charitable to a degree in her private life, and this will be especially remembered in Grey-Bruce, where she will be buried tomorrow with genuine expressions of sorrow and regret at the passing of a distinguished Canadian.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE**CHANGE IN ISSUING OF CIVILIAN PAY CHEQUES AT WINNIPEG STATION**

Hon. R. O. Campney (Associate Minister of National Defence): On Friday last the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) asked the following question:

Is the minister aware of the fact that on Monday next, February 15, civilian employees on the R.C.A.F. station at Winnipeg will not receive their regular semi-monthly pay cheques?

I would reply to the question as follows: In the first place, the classified civilian employees at that station are and will continue to be paid on the 15th and 30th of the month as usual, so that the question as asked in regard to that class of employees is in error.

With regard to the prevailing rates employees, except in the case of messmen and cooks, such employees have always been paid on the 10th and 25th of the month. They are not therefore being paid on the 15th, so that the inference of fact in regard to them is also wrong. They are not supposed to be paid on the 15th of the month.

With regard to messmen and cooks, and this may be the root of the hon. member's question although it is not clear from the way he has worded it, these employees have heretofore been paid on the 15th and at the end of each month. As they are in fact prevailing rates employees they will hereafter be paid on the 10th and 25th in line with other prevailing rates employees. As I understand it, they are therefore being paid today, and will hereafter be paid on the 25th of this month and on the 10th and 25th of succeeding months.

CRIMINAL CODE**CHANGE IN WORDING OF MOTION OF REFERENCE**

Mr. W. G. Weir (Parliamentary Assistant to the Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, on January 12, 1954, as recorded on page 155 of *Votes and*

[Mr. Harris.]

Proceedings, it was resolved that a joint committee of both houses of parliament be appointed to inquire into and report upon the questions whether the criminal law of Canada relating to (a) capital punishment, (b) corporal punishment or (c) lotteries should be amended in any respect and, if so, in what manner and to what extent.

It was provided further that 17 members of the House of Commons, to be designated by the house at a later date, be members of the joint committee. Accordingly, on February 3, 1954, I presented a motion listing the members selected to act on the said committee. The motion was adopted by the house and is recorded at page 261 of *Votes and Proceedings*. It read in part as follows:

That the following members be appointed to act on the joint committee of the Senate and the House of Commons as provided in the motion of the Minister of Justice, passed by this house on January 12, 1954, having to do with a revision of the Criminal Code.

And then followed the names of the members of the committee.

The house will note that the wording of my motion describing the work of the committee is not strictly in line with the wording of the original motion.

In order to prevent ambiguity I am requesting leave of the house to have a change made in the records so that the same wording be used in both cases in respect of the work of the committee. The amended motion would then read as follows:

That the following members act on behalf of this house on the joint committee of both houses of parliament as provided in the motion of the Minister of Justice on January 12, 1954, and appointed to inquire into and report upon the questions whether the criminal law of Canada relating to (a) capital punishment, (b) corporal punishment or (c) lotteries should be amended in any respect and, if so, in what manner and to what extent:

Then the names of the members of the committee follow. This amendment affects in no way the terms of the reference to or the membership of the committee. If I may have the leave of the house in accepting this change I would request that the motion as amended be printed as a corrigendum to the *Votes and Proceedings* of this day.

Motion agreed to.

QUESTIONS**RED DEER RIVER PROJECT—SOIL SURVEY****Mr. Quelch:**

1. Is a soil survey of the land that may be irrigated under the Red Deer river diversion project being carried out at the present time?

2. If so, is it being carried out as a joint undertaking between the government of Alberta and the federal government, or by the federal government alone?