

*Inquiries of the Ministry***INCOME TAX ACT**AMENDMENT RESPECTING COMMUNICATION
OF INFORMATION

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 7, to provide for an amendment to the Income Tax Act with respect to communication of information.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to remove, in part, the secrecy provisions contained in the Income Tax Act with respect to income tax returns of corporations. This bill will make it possible for information contained in corporation income tax returns to be communicated to parliament by a minister.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR HEARING OF
CORPORATION APPEALS IN PUBLIC

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 8, to provide for an amendment to the Income Tax Act with respect to corporation appeals.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to make an amendment to the Income Tax Act having to do with appeals taken by corporations to the income tax appeal board. No change is made in the provision for appeals to the board by individuals to be heard in camera, if so desired, but this bill would make it necessary for all appeals made by corporations to the income tax appeal board to be heard in public.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACTAMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTING OF
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS IN BOTH
ENGLISH AND FRENCH

Mr. Raoul Poulin (Beauce) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 9, to provide for an amendment to the Financial Administration Act with respect to the use of the two official languages.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to provide that cheques, postal orders, money orders and any other similar remittances of any department or of any crown corporation shall be printed in both the official languages. This is in accordance with the principle established in the Bank of Canada Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD ACTAMENDMENT TO BRING FLAX AND RYE UNDER
JURISDICTION OF BOARD

Mr. E. G. McCullough (Moose Mountain) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 10, to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act to provide for jurisdiction in the handling of flax and rye.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act. At the present time the Canadian wheat board has jurisdiction over the handling of wheat, oats and barley. The effect of this amendment will be that the wheat board shall have included in its jurisdiction the handling of flax and rye.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

(Translation):

**EMERGENCY GOLD MINING
ASSISTANCE**INQUIRY AS TO AMENDMENT TO ASSIST
EXPLORATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Armand Dumas (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys. Is it the government's intention to introduce amendments to the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act during the present session, in order to provide more substantial assistance?

Hon. Paul Comtois (Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys): Mr. Speaker, quite recently, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fleming) and myself have received a delegation from the Canadian Metal Mining Association. The officials of my department are at present reviewing the suggestions and recommendations then made to us. As soon as those officials have submitted their report, we will make it available to the members of the cabinet.

(Text):

LABOUR CONDITIONSCANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—FEDERAL
ASSISTANCE WITH RESPECT TO LAY-OFFS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Henry Murphy (Westmorland): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the Minister of Transport. What funds were made available by the federal government to finance a special works program by the Canadian National Railways to ease the lay-offs at Moncton and other points, and under what authority were these funds so made available?