

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 22, 1960

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

CURTAILMENT OF URANIUM CONTRACTS, ONT. AND SASK.

Motion No. 48—Mr. Argue:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams, reports and other documents exchanged between the federal government and the governments of Ontario and Saskatchewan since January 1, 1958, regarding the curtailment of uranium contracts and the problems arising therefrom.

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, it is agreed subject to the usual reservations.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the limitation expressed by the minister, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL LOAN AGENCY

Motion No. 49—Mr. Argue:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams and other documents exchanged between the federal government and provincial or municipal governments and any organization, since January 1, 1957, regarding the establishment of a bank or other agency by the federal government to make loans available to Canadian municipalities and/or provincial governments.

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, subject to the usual reservations concerning the consent of the other governments.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the limitation expressed by the minister, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

DISTRIBUTION OF UNIVERSITY GRANTS

Motion No. 50—Mr. Chevrier:

For a copy of any correspondence, telegrams and other documents exchanged between the government of Canada and the governments of the provinces with respect to any new proposals for the distribution of university grants.

Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, subject to the usual reservations respecting the consent of the provincial governments.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the limitation expressed by the minister, is the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

REGULATIONS 172 AND 173, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

Motion No. 52—Mr. Argue:

For a copy of all correspondence, telegrams and other documents exchanged between the federal government or any agency thereof, and officers of any labour organization, since September 27, 1959, regarding regulations 172 and 173 under the Unemployment Insurance Act, and protesting the effect they have in determining payment of unemployment insurance.

Motion agreed to.

TRADE

RUSSIA—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT RESPECTING EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce whether the Russian trade agreement which was about to be renewed a year or so ago is now about to be renewed?

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): The negotiations are still proceeding, Mr. Speaker. I am hopeful that they will be concluded very soon. I have had to give that answer two or three times already this session, but that is the situation as it stands at the moment.

CANADA-AUSTRALIA—REPORTED SECRET EXCHANGE OF LETTERS RESPECTING QUOTAS

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Laurier): May I ask the Minister of Trade and Commerce whether there was a secret exchange of letters between Canada and Australia following the signing of a trade agreement between our two countries, wherein Canada is said to have given Australia assurance that she will impose neither quotas nor bans on Australian products even if they cause harm to our farmers, as reported in this week's issue of the *Financial Post*?

Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I have seen the article in the *Financial Post*. During the course of negotiations leading to the recently signed trade agreement between Canada and Australia a number of letters were exchanged between the two delegations on various detailed matters relating to the agreement and the trade between the two countries.