

Questions

those who have had to do with the commonwealth have recognized that by giving personality, maturity and autonomy to its constituents it could thereby best carry on as a great force for good in the world.

This bill, instead of depriving British subjects of their rights, gives them a right which they have not to-night—documentary proof wherever they go in the world as to their national status. That is the situation.

Progress reported.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Wednesday, May 1, 1946.

The house met at three o'clock.

STANDING COMMITTEES

RAILWAYS, CANALS, AND TELEGRAPH LINES— FIRST REPORT

Mr. L. O. BREITHAUPT (Waterloo North) presented the first report of the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING—SENATE BILL

Bill No. 18, for the relief of Juliana Edmonda Isabella Ferdinanda Becquaert de Beaujeu—Mr. MacLean.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

NATIONAL FILM BOARD—HERBERT HUGHES

Mr. FRASER:

1. Is Bert Hughes an employee of the National Film Board?
2. If so (a) what position does he hold; (b) what salary does he receive; (c) what are his duties?
3. Are there any known communists employed by the National Film Board?

Mr. CLAXTON:

1. This question presumably refers to Herbert Hughes, who is a temporary employee of the film board.
2. (a) Circulation manager; (b) \$220 per month; (c) distribution and shipping of catalogues, and other similar materials.
3. No. Of course, applications for positions in the public service of Canada do not require applicants to state their political affiliations.

[Mr. Martin.]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

VETERANS AFFAIRS—WHITEHORSE AREA

Mr. COLDWELL:

1. To what financial assistance are veterans resident in the Whitehorse area of the Yukon entitled?
2. Is approved agricultural land available for settlement by veterans in that area?
3. Is it possible for veterans to purchase property and fulfil the requirements for the erection of homes in Whitehorse?
4. What steps have been taken by the Department of Veterans Affairs to rehabilitate veterans in the Yukon territory?

POSTAL SERVICE—COMMISSIONS ON STAMP SALES

Mr. PROBE:

1. As of March 31, 1946, in what post offices in Canada is it the practice of the department to sell stamps to the public without commission being paid on such sales?
2. Are stamps sold in post offices in Canada by individuals or companies who receive commissions on such sales? If so, in what post offices and at what rate of commission or on what terms?
3. Do any persons or companies other than those selling in regular post offices receive commissions on stamp sales? If so, at what rate of commission or on what terms?
4. How many persons or companies received commissions in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1946, for sales as above?
5. In what general cases do the salaries or remuneration of postmasters become affected by the amount of stamp sales within their post office?
6. With respect to the persons or companies included in the terms of questions 2 and 3, in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1946, how many received commissions of (a) less than \$1,000; (b) between \$1,000 and \$5,000; (c) more than \$5,000?

ESQUIMALT NAVAL BARRACKS—CIVIC ARENA

Mr. PEARKES:

1. Has an ice hockey arena been authorized for the Royal Canadian Naval Barracks at Esquimalt, British Columbia?
2. If so, what is the estimated cost of this building?
3. Has construction commenced?
4. If so, have any priorities for building materials been granted?
5. Have any requests been received for permission to construct a civic ice arena in Victoria?
6. If so, have building permits been granted or refused for the construction of a civic arena?
7. If refused, for what reason?

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

WHITE PASS AND YUKON RAILWAY

Mr. COLDWELL:

For a copy of any agreement or agreements under which the White Pass and Yukon Railway acquired properties in the Whitehorse and Yukon territories.