

Criminal Code

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: And this is sedition.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: It is considered by the authorities that those who have been requested to comply with the National Resources Mobilization Act and have failed to do so should be brought to justice.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: And sedition should not be prosecuted.

CRIMINAL CODE

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENT

Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice) moved the second reading of and concurrence in an amendment made by the senate to bill No. 139, to amend the Criminal Code.

He said: The amendment will be found at page 598 of the *Votes and Proceedings* of Monday, July 24.

Mr. GRAYDON: Perhaps the minister will give us some idea of the purpose of the amendment.

Mr. ST. LAURENT: The section amended is one which provided for transferring appeals from summary convictions, which formerly in the province of Quebec went to the court of king's bench, crown side, to the superior court. The court of king's bench, crown side, in the rural districts sometimes does not sit for many months; sometimes more than a year passes without a session of the court. But the superior court, which is the trial court and is presided over by the same justices who sit in the court of king's bench, crown side, has much more frequent sessions. So for the purpose of expediting the disposal of appeals from summary convictions the criminal code was being amended to substitute the superior court as the court to be appealed to for the court of king's bench, crown side. In Montreal and in Quebec the superior court sits from September 10 to December 20 and from January 10 to June 20 without interruption, and our view was that each day was a session. But there was doubt expressed on that point by the hon. member for Charlevoix-Saguenay (Mr. Dorion), and to clear up that doubt we are having inserted that the first day of each week will be deemed to be the first day of a session. That will determine when the appeal must come on for hearing.

Mr. GRAYDON: I take it that the minister is satisfied with the amendment as passed by the senate?

[Mr. McIlraith.]

Mr. ST. LAURENT: Yes. It makes it perfectly clear that the first day of each week will be the beginning of the session, and that will definitely determine without possibility of dispute when the appeals should come on for hearing.

Motion agreed to, amendment read the second time and concurred in.

EXPORT CREDITS INSURANCE

MEASURE TO FACILITATE AND DEVELOP TRADE BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient for the purpose of facilitating and developing trade between Canada and any other country to introduce a measure:

1. To incorporate the Export Credit Insurance Corporation for the purpose of entering into contracts of insurance with exporters to insure against the risk of loss involved in contracts for the export of Canadian-produced goods.

The capital stock and the paid in capital surplus of the corporation each amounting to five million dollars shall be subscribed by the Minister of Trade and Commerce from time to time and paid therefor by the Minister of Finance with provision also for loans not to exceed in the aggregate, outstanding at any one time, an amount equal to five times the aggregate of the paid-up capital and surplus of the corporation;

2. To authorize the Minister of Finance during the three years next ensuing after the coming into force of this act, to—

(a) guarantee the obligations of the government or an agency of the government of any such other country to pay the cost of Canadian produced goods under a contract to purchase such goods from an exporter;

(b) make a loan to the government or any agency of the government of any such other country to enable such government or such agency to purchase from an exporter and to pay the cost of Canadian produced goods; or

(c) purchase, acquire or guarantee any security issued by the government or by the agency of the government of any such other country to any person in Canada in payment of the cost of Canadian produced goods, exported or to be exported to such other country;

provided that the government of such other country requests the government of Canada to give such guarantee, make such loan, or purchase, acquire or guarantee such securities and undertakes to indemnify the government of Canada against loss in connection therewith.

The aggregate amount of such guarantees outstanding at any time shall not exceed two hundred million dollars and the aggregate of the amount of loans made and outstanding at any time and the value of securities purchased or acquired and held at any one time shall not exceed one hundred million dollars.