

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 14, 1954

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

DIPLOMATIC INSTRUMENTS

TABLING OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): I should like to table, in English and in French, texts of three multi-lateral agreements and eight bilateral agreements concluded recently between Canada and various other countries.

PRIVATE BILLS

SENATE BILLS—FIRST READINGS

Bill No. 423, for the relief of Mary Joy Thomson Asselin.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 424, for the relief of Ronald Arthur Leslie.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 425, for the relief of Lucienne Saint-Laurent Calve.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 426, for the relief of Roberta Barbara Shvemar Feigelman.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 427, for the relief of Pearl Marie Neil Lane.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 428, for the relief of Marjorie May Price Amory.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 429, for the relief of Marie Jeannette Laure Lafreniere Lucas.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 430, for the relief of Frances Goldberg Glegg.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 431, for the relief of Thelma Nellie McKeage Patrick.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 432, for the relief of Madeleine Roy Julien.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 433, for the relief of Louis Tothe.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 434, for the relief of Joseph Delphis Guillaume Delorme.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 435, for the relief of Nicolas Joseph Ladislav Barath.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 436, for the relief of Ferencz Gyula Babinszki.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 437, for the relief of Beatrice Alexandra Duff Sheppard.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 438, for the relief of Remi Charbonneau.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 439, for the relief of Kathleen Florence Pippy Hayward.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 440, for the relief of Fred Skiffington.—Mr. Hunter.

QUESTIONS

C.B.C.—TELEVISION INSTALLATION IN TORONTO

Mr. Thatcher:

1. What was the total cost of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's television installation in Toronto, including building, transmitter, tower, ground system and studio equipment?

2. Were tenders called for this installation?

3. If so, was more than one received?

4. On what basis was the tender or tenders awarded?

5. Who drew up the specifications for buildings and equipment?

6. Were these specifications checked or revised by any outside source or authority?

Mr. McCann:

1. The corporation's television installation at 354 Jarvis street, Toronto, has cost \$2,457,702.51 to February 28, 1954.

2. Yes.

3. Yes.

4. Tenders were awarded on the basis of the lowest quotation to meet the specifications and requirements of the corporation.

5. The corporation's architects and engineers.

6. Yes. The tower was designed by the supplier. The reinforced concrete structural design of the building was prepared by outside engineer consultants. The designs and specifications of the tower and building were approved by municipal authorities of the city of Toronto.

CORPORATION INCOME TAX—CLAIMS FOR DEDUCTIONS

Mr. Knowles:

1. For the latest taxation year for which the information is available, what was the total amount of money for which deductibility from corporation income tax was claimed by corporation income tax payers in respect of donations, contributions to approved charities, etc.?

2. For the same taxation year, what was the total amount allowed as deductible?

3. For the same taxation year, what was the total loss to the federal treasury because of such deductions?

Mr. McCann:

1. In 1951, corporations reporting profits claimed \$24,691,000 as charitable donations. This is set forth in 1953 taxation statistics, page 121, line 34.

2 and 3. Statistical information not available.