

the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Motion agreed to.

STAMPS ON CHEQUES

PRACTICE CONCERNING QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir HENRY DRAYTON (West York): I should like to ask the government whether any new practice has been adopted in connection with questions on the order paper. There was a question put on the order paper as to stamps on cheques. I notice that it has been dropped. It was not answered by the government. It was answered in so far as the Department of Customs and Excise is concerned, but that is not the department which has to do with it. I should think that the department concerned was the Finance department.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance): The initiation of legislation in these matters falls within the scope and duties of the Minister of Finance; the administration of the law falls under the authority of the Minister of Customs, and I suppose that was the reason my hon. friend (Mr. Bureau) answered it. If there is anything, however, which is not answered that comes within the scope of my department, I shall have the matter looked into, and assure my hon. friend that he shall have the information.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: I think that the ruling has been given without a doubt. I assume that the question may stand until fully answered.

ALLEGED CAMPAIGN AGAINST IMMIGRATION

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. S. W. JACOBS (George Etienne Cartier): The press announces that a certain number of delegates to a trade union conference have decided to start a campaign to fight the movement to attract settlers to this country. I notice that a protest has been lodged with the Minister of Immigration and Colonization. It is pointed out by the resolution that this protest is to apply not only to city dwellers, but also to farmers and proposed farmers. I should like to know if the government has anything to say in the matter, and what their attitude is in regard to it.

Hon. C. A. STEWART (Minister of Immigration and Colonization): I have no know-
[Mr. Fielding.]

ledge beyond what is contained in the press report mentioned by my hon. friend.

VANCOUVER HARBOUR

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Marine and Fisheries) moved the second reading of Bill No. 16, to provide for further advances to the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the House went into committee thereon. Mr. Gordon in the chair.

On section 2—the Crown may advance \$5,000,000 to corporation.

Mr. LADNER: With reference to the word "necessary" in the last line but one of this section, I presume that refers to such terminal facilities as are deemed necessary by the corporation. The corporation lays out its plans, and then the next section provides for the approval of the proposed expenditure. Is not that the meaning?

Mr. LAPOINTE: This is the language usually used in all these bills.

Mr. LADNER: It may be the usual language, but somebody may get a freakish or obdurate turn of mind—and this is a very important matter from the point of view of Vancouver. There is no reason why the law should not be explicitly clear. I suggest that the words "by the corporation" be inserted after the word "necessary".

Mr. LAPOINTE: Nothing can be done, of course, without the approval of the Governor in Council. I am a reformer, but in matters of language, especially the English language, I would hesitate to make any change in what has been the custom.

Mr. CALDWELL: I think it would be very inadvisable to change the language of this clause. The House cannot pass over to any harbour commission rights which are vested in this parliament.

Section agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

GERMAN REPARATIONS

MOTION BY MR. WOODSWORTH FOR WITHDRAWAL OF CANADA'S CLAIMS

The House resumed from February 15 consideration of the proposed motion of Mr. Woodsworth that it is in the interest of world peace that Canada should withdraw all claims on Germany for reparations.

Mr. ROBERT FORKE (Brandon): Mr. Speaker, in resuming the debate on the reso-