

Private Bills

Mr. McIlraith: Yes.

Mr. G. S. White (Hastings-Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I want so say a word or two in support of the bill. I am well acquainted with the company and the location of the mine, and I should like to add a few remarks to those of the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. McIlraith). He mentioned that at the present time the nepheline was being trucked over a secondary road to Lakefield, where there is a small mill. My information is that when the new 17-mile railway line is completed a new, large, modern mill will be constructed right at the mine and production and output will be greatly increased.

It may be of interest to hon. members to know that to my knowledge this particular mineral, which is used for glass and pottery clay, is only found in eastern Ontario in the county of Peterborough and behind the iron curtain in Russia, from where it is not available to the western world. I am sure all hon. members will be in favour of the bill because it will not only increase employment, a subject that is before the house today, but will assist greatly in developing another mineral industry in eastern Ontario.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines.

SECOND READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There are several divorce bills, Nos. 253 to 262 inclusive, to be considered. Is it agreed that they will be entertained in one motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. W. G. Weir (Portage-Neepawa) moved that the following bills be read the second time:

Bill No. 253, for the relief of Gloria Alphonsine Timmins Ferguson.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 254, for the relief of Adella Alice McNeil Slobosky.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 255, for the relief of Vera Marguerite Hennigar Isering.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 256, for the relief of Sylvia Golbas Lann.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 257, for the relief of Lucy Jane Cole Judd.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 258, for the relief of Walter Hardy Willows.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 259, for the relief of Elizabeth Temple Jamieson Grier.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 260, for the relief of Herbert William Bateman-Cooke.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 261, for the relief of Rita Ann Rennie Knight.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 262, for the relief of Mavis Josephine Green Jackson.—Mr. Hunter.

[Mr. Knowles.]

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, before the motion covering these ten divorce bills is carried may I draw attention to what I believe is a slight error in *Hansard* with respect to the last time we had divorce bills before us. On page 2046 of *Hansard* for February 12, 1954, the hon. member for Parkdale (Mr. Hunter) is indicated as having moved the second reading of the divorce bills which were before the house on that occasion. I certainly would accept correction from the hon. member if I am mistaken, but I believe he was not in the chamber at the time and if that is correct someone else must have moved second reading of the bills for him on that occasion.

Motion agreed to and bills read the second time.

CURRENCY, MINT AND EXCHANGE
FUND ACTAMENDMENT TO PERMIT MINTING AND
MARKETING OF GOLD COINS

The house resumed, from Friday, February 5, consideration of the motion of Mr. Adamson for the second reading of Bill No. 173, to amend the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act.

Mr. Armand Dumas (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, the purpose of Bill No. 173, an act to amend the Currency, Mint and Exchange Fund Act, is to allow Canadian gold to be sold freely in Canada and thereby restore gold as a prime medium of exchange within the boundaries of a country not practising exchange control or other currency restrictions, thereby establishing a price for gold which can be maintained in a free economy upon which an eventual return to a gold parity may be established. By allowing individual Canadians to hold gold freely, it provides a means by which they may protect themselves from further inflation.

Another purpose of the bill, as stated by the hon. member who introduced it, is to try to save money for the Canadian people. The precarious situation of the gold mining industry and the communities dependent upon it is well known to all hon. members in this house.

In participating in this debate it is not my intention to enumerate once again all the difficulties encountered by gold producers, or the hardships facing the people living in the gold mining communities. There will be ample opportunity for me to do so later when discussing other legislation now on the order paper. A great number of people, both here and in the United States, as well as in other parts of the world, have good reason to believe that an increase in the price of