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rails after revocation is, unless he is young and not evidently hopeless, usually written off as a loss."

8. It is respectfully submitted that no new machinery will be required to bring into being in the penitentiary service arrangements that will be equally as effective as the work carried out by the Borstal association. The close liaison presently existing between the remission branch, the department of justice, and the penitentiary service, permits of a facility of close co-operation. The classification board of each Penitentiary, plus the supervisors, if appointed, will have a complete knowledge and appreciation of the life and conduct of a youth while in the penitentiary.

9. The remission branch has full particulars pertaining to the nature of the crime, and of the environment in which the youth lived prior to his conviction.

10. The penitentiary is presently equipped with a staff and facilities to seek out, investigate, and recommend persons who might be approved as adviser, big brother, or friend, to a discharged youth having no suitable home to return to upon release.

11. Existing legislation and clemency practice permit of the release of a convict on licence. The person undertaking to act as guide, philosopher and friend to a released youth would only be called upon to perform those functions during the period for which the licence is granted.

12. There would be no difficulty in arranging for close co-operation between the remission branch, and the selected persons referred to, either direct or through the warden of a penitentiary.

13. Nothing is here proposed which would in any way affect the authority of the crown, or alter existing clemency practice.

## DATE OF GENERAL ELECTION

On the orders of the day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, as this may be the last day upon which the present parliament will be in session I should like to ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) if it would not be possible before we prorogue for him to make a statement to the house or to the country as to the probable date of the general elections. I would not expect my right hon. friend to give the exact date but he might see his way clear to indicate whether the elections will be held in the month of August, in the month of September or in the month of October. I do not think the time will make any difference in the results one way or another but if an approximate time were announced considerable uncertainty would be removed which I think would be of benefit to the country generally.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if I were in position to answer the right hon. gentleman's question, [Mr. Guthrie.]

I would do so. I will say this: Just as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made for the holding of the elections, they will be held. That is as far as I can reasonably go. I mean by that, the completion of the lists and concerning all matters of that kind. They will not be delayed beyond such date as may be necessary to have the machinery properly functioning under the sections which have been enacted in that regard.

## MORTGAGE CREDITS FOR FISHERMEN

## CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENT

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved the second reading of and concurrence in an amendment made by the Senate to Bill No. 120, for the purpose of establishing in Canada a system of long-term mortgage credits for fishermen.

He said: There is one amendment made to this bill by the Senate and this is made because in some province the word "land" would not be broad enough to cover buildings erected on the land. It is proposed to add the words "and buildings thereon" at the end of clause (d) of section 6. This will remove any doubt as to this section covering buildings. It will be recalled that when the natural resources agreements were under consideration a similar difficulty arose as to whether water was covered by the word "land." I move that the amendment be read a second time and concurred in.

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

## TRADE AND INDUSTRY COMMISSION

## CONCURRENCE IN CERTAIN SENATE AMENDMENTS AND NON-CONCURRENCE IN OTHERS

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. 86, to establish a dominion trade and industry commission.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the Senate committee on banking and commerce gave considerable attention to this bill and the result is that several amendments of a far-reaching character have been made. I shall indicate them to the house as carefully as possible. The first amendment is to section 11, page 5 and line 12. Subsection 2 in the bill as it left this house reads:

Any person violating any provision of this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding two hundred dollars.