

L. Burry; Mr. G. F. Higgins, K.C.; the Honourable R. B. Job; and Mr. J. R. Smallwood.

The national convention has also elected a delegation which is to proceed to England to discuss with the government of the United Kingdom the question of the financial and fiscal relationships which may be expected between the United Kingdom and Newfoundland under various possible forms of future government. This delegation is to be received in London on April 29. We understand that the national convention desires that the visit of its delegation to Ottawa should take place after the convention has received replies to the inquiries which it proposes to address to the government of the United Kingdom. It is therefore expected that our meetings with the delegation from the national convention will take place at a mutually convenient date subsequent to the conclusion of the discussions which are to take place in London.

The government is confident that the friendship and cooperation which have marked our relations with Newfoundland will provide a firm basis for discussions with a delegation from the national convention. The delegation will, I feel sure, be warmly welcomed in Ottawa. I will endeavour from time to time to keep the house informed of developments.

[Later:]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MOTION FROM
ORDER PAPER

On the orders of the day:

Mr. L. E. BAKER (Shelburne-Yarmouth-Clare): Mr. Speaker, there appears on the order paper of today, as No. 24 under notices of motions, the following proposed resolution under my name:

That, in the opinion of this house, if the constituent assembly of Newfoundland desires to enter into discussion with the government of Canada as to the terms on which Newfoundland might enter confederation, the government should at once proceed to enter discussions to explore the conditions on which Newfoundland might enter confederation.

I was delighted to hear the statement which the Secretary of State for External Affairs made to the house, and since the matter has been completely covered I would ask leave to withdraw the motion. Taking the long term view, I consider that it will be in the strategic, economic and political interest of both countries if this union can be brought about.

Mr. GRAYDON: That is a speech. That is not the way I was treated yesterday.

Motion withdrawn.

[Mr. St. Laurent.]

CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION ACT

PURCHASES FOR DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Right Hon. J. L. ILSLEY (for the Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved the first reading of Bill No. 134 (from the senate) to amend the Canadian Commercial Corporation Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 135, for the relief of Violet Olive Magdalene Allchin Clark—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 136, for the relief of Victor Reid Murray—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 137, for the relief of Agnes Jane Irwin Everitt Dixon—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 138, for the relief of Peter Samuel Rosen—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 139, for the relief of Rose Waselevsky Balakirsky—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 140, for the relief of Sophie Wener Finestone—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 141, for the relief of Norma Sharp Chapman—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 142, for the relief of Douglas Wilson Bradshaw—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 143, for the relief of Muriel Amelia Dufty Rochet—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 144, for the relief of Ethel Ornstein Pfeffer—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 145, for the relief of Hilda Katz Delnick—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 146, for the relief of Emilienne Grinsell Daoust—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 147, for the relief of Alice Hamilton Peck Stevenson—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 148, for the relief of Doris Victoria Bellisle Page—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 149, for the relief of Sydney Beaver—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 150, for the relief of Gladys Kathleen Wilkins Todd—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 151, for the relief of Norma Elizabeth Jane Murray Hanco—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 152, for the relief of Bernadette Mayford Roy—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 153, for the relief of Ellen Irene Gertrude Preston Hastie—Mr. Maybank.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

WAR ASSETS—DEBERT, N.S.—LUMBER

Mr. BROOKS:

1. Is the lumber salvaged from the Debert camp, Nova Scotia, being sold at present through war assets corporation?