HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, January 11, 1955

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

PRAIRIE FARM REHABILITATION ACT

INCREASE IN AMOUNT THAT MAY BE EXPENDED ON MINISTERIAL AUTHORITY

Right Hon. J. G. Gardiner (Minister of Agriculture) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 5, to amend the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act.

Mr. Knowles: Explain.

Mr. Gardiner: The purpose of the amendment is to make the act consistent with existing ministerial authority to enter into contracts for sums up to \$15,000 as contained in the Financial Administration Act and regulations.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

YUKON ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING LIVING ALLOWANCE AND ATTENDANCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (for the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Yukon Act to increase the indemnity and the living allowance to be paid to members of the Yukon council while in attendance at a session of the council and to provide that under certain conditions a member shall be deemed to be in attendance at a session.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the house.

Motion agreed to.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES ACT

INCREASE IN INDEMNITY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (for the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Northwest Territories Act to increase the sessional indemnity of elected members of the Northwest Territories council.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the house.

Motion agreed to.

RAILWAY ACT

INCREASE IN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TO GRADE CROSSING FUND

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (for the Minister of Transport) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Railway Act following the "Report on the Railway-Highway Crossing Problem in Canada", made by the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada to provide for an increase in the annual appropriation to the railway grade crossing fund from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 and for certain changes in connection with the administration of the fund.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the house.

Motion agreed to.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING SALARY OF AUDITOR GENERAL

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (for the Minister of Finance) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Financial Administration Act to provide that the Auditor General shall out of the consolidated revenue fund be paid a salary of twenty thousand dollars per annum with effect from July 1, 1954.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the house.

Motion agreed to.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION ACT

AMENDMENTS RESPECTING SALARY OF MINISTER
AND EXPIRY OF ACT

Right Hon. L. S. St. Laurent (Prime Minister) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Defence Production Act to increase the