

*External Affairs*

Subsequent to receiving the agreement of the United States government to our proposals, I communicated by letter with Mr. Gouzenko, who has now replied that he is prepared to meet the representatives of the United States government on the terms already agreed between the United States and Canadian governments.

In view of the confidential nature of the meeting, I am sure the house will agree that it would be undesirable to say anything further on this matter at the present time.

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY—REPORTED DIFFERENCES BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

**Hon. Paul Martin (Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the other day the hon. member for Eglinton (Mr. Fleming) asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he would care to comment on a press report to the effect that differences of opinion had developed between Canadian and American representatives in the international joint commission in relation to the St. Lawrence seaway project.

So far as the government is able to ascertain, no differences of opinion between Canadian and American representatives on the international joint commission have developed in this matter. I assume the hon. member refers to the St. Lawrence power project since the waterway aspect is not under consideration by the commission.

POST OFFICE ACT

AMENDMENT TO PREVENT DISTRIBUTION OF SUBVERSIVE MATERIAL

**Mr. J. W. Dufresne (Quebec West)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 76, to amend the Post Office Act.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Dufresne:** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the bill is to prevent the distribution through the royal mail of subversive propaganda from the communist party of Canada and also the Labour-Progressive party of Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

TELEGRAPHS ACT

APPLICATION OF PART III CONCERNING MARINE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH COMPANIES

**Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport)** moved the first reading of Bill No. 30 (from the Senate), to amend the Telegraphs Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[Mr. Garson.]

QUESTIONS

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—PENSIONS

**Mr. Knowles:**

1. How many retired employees of the Canadian National Railways are in receipt of pensions of less than \$25 per month?

2. How many are in receipt of only the basic pension of \$25 per month?

3. How many are in receipt of non-contributory service pensions, (a) \$25.01 to \$29.99 per month; (b) \$30.00 to \$39.99 per month; (c) \$40.00 to \$49.99 per month; (d) \$50.00 to \$59.99 per month; (e) \$60.00 to \$69.99 per month; (f) \$70.00 to \$79.99 per month; (g) \$80.00 to \$89.99 per month; (h) \$90.00 to \$99.99 per month; (i) \$100.00 to \$124.99 per month; (j) \$125.00 to \$149.99 per month; (k) \$150 or over per month?

4. How many are in receipt of pensions in part basic and in part contributory, (a) \$25.01 to \$29.99 per month; (b) \$30.00 to \$39.99 per month; (c) \$40.00 to \$49.99 per month; (d) \$50.00 to \$59.99 per month; (e) \$60.00 to \$69.99 per month; (f) \$70.00 to \$79.99 per month; (g) \$80.00 to \$89.99 per month; (h) \$90.00 to \$99.99 per month; (i) \$100.00 to \$124.99 per month; (j) \$125.00 to \$149.99 per month; (k) \$150 or over per month?

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—BASIC PENSION

**Mr. Knowles:**

1. Has any provision yet been made for any increase in the pensions of retired employees of the Canadian National Railways who are in receipt of only the basic pension of \$25 per month?

2. Has any reconsideration been given by the government at any time since the matter was last discussed in the House of Commons on May 12, 1953, to increasing the amount of the said basic pension? If so, what is the result of such consideration?

3. Has the management of the Canadian National Railways, at any time since May 12, 1953, discussed with the government the possibility of the amount of the said basic pension being increased? If so, are there any records of such discussions?

4. Has the management of the Canadian National Railways, at any time since May 12, 1953, asked the government to approve of the Canadian National Railways increasing the amount of the said basic pension? If so, what was the government's answer?

5. Has the management of the Canadian National Railways, at any time since May 12, 1953, asked the government to take the responsibility for providing an increase in the amount of the said basic pension? If so, what reply has the government made to any such request?

6. If no decision has yet been taken on this matter by the government, is the matter now under consideration?

**Mr. Chevrier:** With reference to these two questions, I am informed by the Canadian National Railways that they are practically the same as those asked by the hon. gentleman last year, and that therefore the answers would have to be the same; but if my hon. friend were to ask them next year, because of the returns made by the Canadian National Railways and the figures that are compiled at the end of the year, it will be possible to give him