

Of The Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence at Kingston, Ontario, for an Act to incorporate The Sisters of Providence.—*Mr. Henderson.*

Of Edward G. Wheeler and others, of Langham, Saskatchewan, for an Act to incorporate Evangelical Mennonite Brethren of Canada.—*Mr. Diefenbaker.*

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent it was ordered,—That the above petitions for private bills, presented on December 6, 1951, together with the Report made thereon by the Clerk of Petitions this day, be referred to the *Standing Committee on Standing Orders* for such recommendations as may be deemed advisable in relation to Standing Orders 92 and 93 (3) (a) and (b).

Mr. St. Laurent, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copy of an Order in Council passed under the provisions of The Emergency Powers Act, as follows:—

Order in Council P.C. 6598, approved December 6, 1951: Respecting the admission to Canada free of Customs Duty and Excise Taxes of personal gifts, not exceeding twenty-five dollars in value and not including cigarettes, tobacco and alcoholic beverages, from members of the Canadian Forces serving abroad to relatives or friends in Canada. (English and French).

The House resolved itself again into Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting a deep waterway between Montreal and Lake Erie and to create a corporation to be called "The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority".

(*In the Committee*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient, for the purpose of providing a deep waterway between Montreal and Lake Erie, to create a corporation to be called "The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority" with power, inter alia, to expropriate; to construct, maintain and operate all necessary works; to borrow amounts not exceeding three hundred million dollars; to establish tariffs of tolls and to employ such officers and employees as may be required for the purposes of the Authority.

Resolution to be reported.

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The said Resolution was reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Chevrier then, by leave of the House, presented a Bill, No. 33, An Act to establish the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.