



Miss Hamilton

DAILY AIRMAIL BULLETIN

INFORMATION DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA - CANADA

(For official use only. This bulletin is intended solely for the information of Canadian Government officials stationed abroad. Its contents are not for publication or distribution. It is based largely on press reports not verified by the Department which can take no responsibility for their accuracy.)

Vol. 6, No. 121

Thursday, June 23, 1955.

Salary Increases For Judges Approved: Ottawa, June 22 (CP) -- A Liberal back-bencher today added his voice to CCF and Social Credit criticism of a government proposal to give federally-appointed judges a \$2,500 annual pay increase.

Except for raises to county court judges, said Mr. J.L. MacDougall, (L-Vancouver Burrard), an increase is not needed to attract suitable candidates to the Bench.

He said he knows several dozen lawyers who would give their right arms to be named to a provincial Supreme Court or Appeal Court.

Justice Minister Garson replied he would not even consider one-half of one per cent of the kind of lawyers Mr. MacDougall referred to.

Judges have to deal with competent, adroit lawyers, Mr. Garson said. If Canada had a weak judiciary and a strong, able force of lawyers, it could result in bad administration of justice.

The Government could not justify paying judges' salaries equal to the substantial incomes available to many lawyers. But it had to narrow the gap to obtain good jurists for the bench.

The Government's pay increase bill was given second reading -- approval in principle -- and received clause-by-clause approval. Its opponents did not force a vote and it now needs only the formal final reading to be passed.

The House of Commons passed another bill under which federal supervision of horse races where pari-mutuel betting is carried on will be financed by a levy of one-half of one per cent of total wagers. At present, race tracks are charged an average of \$27 a day for each supervising RCMP constable.

Also in Parliament yesterday:

Prime Minister St. Laurent said the Government is delaying a decision on flood aid to Manitoba and Saskatchewan until it gets more information.

Transport Minister Marler said there is no basis for truckers' fears that they will be destroyed by railway agreed charge freight rates.

Senator T.A. Crerar suggested a continuing inquiry into growth of the federal Civil Service.

Newfoundlanders First Class Citizens: Ottawa, June 22 (CP) -- There is no prospect of Newfoundlanders being second-class Canadian citizens, Prime Minister St. Laurent said today.

He was commenting in the House of Commons on a statement Monday by Premier Smallwood, who said at St. Andrews, N.B., that Newfoundlanders had not joined Confederation to become second-class citizens.

"Rather than that, we'll show the other Maritime provinces how to get out of Confederation," Mr. Smallwood said.

The Prime Minister said:

"There is no intention or prospect that citizens of Newfoundland will not be as the citizens of the rest of Canada -- first-class citizens."

(over)