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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

EXTENSION OF BENEFITS TO WORKERS IN U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Raymond Langlois (Megantic): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour regarding lumbermen who work across the border. I am referring to the impossibility of their being able to obtain unemployment insurance once they have quit their work. There have been many negotiations over the past few years, and can the government tell us where they are at now and if there are any conclusions on the horizon?

Mr. Speaker: That is a question for the order paper.

[Later:]

Mr. Langlois: I will rephrase my question to the Minister of Labour. Can the hon. gentleman assure the house that he will look into these negotiations to see whether any progress has been made in the situation affecting these lumbermen?

Mr. MacEachen: Yes, though I know the situation without looking into it further.

PENITENTIARIES

NEW WESTMINSTER—RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CONDITIONS BE INVESTIGATED

On the orders of the day:

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, about ten days ago I asked the Minister of Justice a question regarding three recommendations which had been made by a jury in Vancouver, one of the recommendations being for an independent investigation of the conditions in the penitentiary at New Westminster. I wonder whether the minister has since received a report from the judge and, if so, what action is he contemplating in this regard?

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, as far as I know there has been no report from the judge as yet.

SHIPPING

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON COLLISION IN MONTREAL HARBOUR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Robert Simpson (Churchill): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Transport. Is the minister in a position to make any statement to the house on the reported collision of two large vessels in Montreal harbour either early this morning or late last night?

Interim Supply

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Transport): I do not know that there is a great deal to report. Early this morning, at about 12.30 a.m., two vessels, the *Manchester Merchant* of United Kingdom registry and the *Lionel* of Norwegian registry were in collision in Montreal harbour.

It appears that the *Manchester Merchant* which had taken on cargo at Montreal, was proceeding downstream to leave the harbour. Two vessels, the *Donnacona*, a laker, and the *Lionel*, had left the seaway and had turned below Canadian Vickers shipyard in order to proceed into the upper harbour. The *Donnacona* was in the lead and the *Lionel* followed approximately 500 feet behind. Both vessels were moving slowly.

The *Manchester Merchant* had safely passed the *Donnacona* and then appeared to veer off to the south striking the *Lionel* midships.

An explosion and fire occurred in both vessels. The fire on the *Manchester Merchant* was brought under control and the vessel is now at anchor opposite elevator No. 4 in Montreal harbour. She is expected to go to drydock.

The *Lionel* lost control and had to be pushed by tugs to the downstream tip of Ile Ronde. The fire aboard the *Lionel* had not been brought under control when I checked this forenoon. There was no loss of life and only one seaman was injured. Both vessels involved had pilots aboard, and I am looking into the matter further.

SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

INTERIM SUPPLY

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding \$377,400,841.02, being the aggregate of—

(a) one-twelfth of the total of the amounts of the items set forth in the main estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1964, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of parliament, except agriculture item 100, atomic energy item 5, external affairs items 78 and 107, fisheries item 45, mines and technical surveys items 45 and 80, northern affairs and national resources items 5 and 10, public works items 20 and 190, transport item 35 and loans, investments and advances item L20 for which no amount is being released, \$318,822,963.00;

(b) an additional two-twelfths of external affairs item 105 and finance item 45, \$4,700,000.00;

(c) an additional one-twelfth of mines and technical surveys item 140, national film board item 1, northern affairs and national resources item 80, post office items 5, 10 and 15, public works items 150 and 165, transport items 40 and 220, loans, investments and advances item L70, \$21,342,422.50;

(d) one-twelfth of the total of the amounts of the items set forth in the supplementary estimates (A), for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1964, laid before the House of Commons at the present session of parliament, except external affairs items 96a and 117a, finance item 5a, northern affairs and