THE SENATE

Wednesday, January 23, 1957

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Hon. Arthur L. Beaubien, Acting Speaker, in the Chair.

Prayers.

Routine proceedings.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports No. 35 to 57, dealing with petitions for divorce, and moved that the said reports be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

The motion was agreed to, on division.

BILLS-FIRST READINGS

Hon. Mr. Roebuck presented the following bills:

Bill K, an Act for the relief of Dorothy Amelia Ashmore MacDonald.

Bill L, an Act for the relief of Dorothy Frances Auger Delacobis.

Bill M, an Act for the relief of Patricia Jean Jones Robinson.

Bill N, an Act for the relief of Gwendoline Stedman Adrain.

Bill O, an Act for the relief of Joyce Bernice Good Taylor.

Bill P, an Act for the relief of Jessie Pearce Meti.

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Bill Q, an Act for the relief of Maud
Lenore Wheeler Lanctot.

Bill R, an Act for the relief of Patricia Anne Wylie Houstoun Patience.

The bills were read the first time.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall these bills be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: With leave, next sitting.

PRIVATE BILLS

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY— FIRST READING

Hon. Paul H. Bouffard presented Bill S, an Act respecting Canadian Pacific Railway Company and certain wholly-owned subsidiary companies.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Bouffard: With leave, tomorrow.

OBLATE FATHERS OF ASSUMPTION PROVINCE—FIRST READING

Hon. John J. Connolly presented Bill T, an Act to incorporate Oblate Fathers of Assumption Province.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Connolly: Tuesday next.

FRASER RIVER BASIN

REPORT OF BOARD-INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. Reid: I should like to direct a question to the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Macdonald). I wonder if he could procure some information as to when we might receive a copy of the report of the Fraser River Basin Board which has been using Government funds to investigate dam sights on the Fraser River.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I shall have inquiries made, and shall table the report as soon as I receive it.

Hon. Mr. Reid: I am anxious to see the report before the end of the session.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I shall endeavour to obtain it before that time.

WABANA, NEWFOUNDLAND, AIRSTRIP

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Calvert C. Pratt: Honourable senators, I wish to give notice of the following inquiry of the Government:

Have plans been prepared for the building of an airstrip at Wabana, Newfoundland, and, if so, when does the Department of Transport propose to proceed with the work?

Because the need for serving the industrial community of Wabana, with its population of over ten thousand, and particularly because of the ice blockades which sometimes isolate Bell Island, Conception Bay, it is generally regarded that the provision of an airstrip there as auxiliary to the adjacent airport at Torbay is a required public service of great necessity, and I wish this house to be informed of what progress may be anticipated in this connection.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I shall endeavour to get any information I can.

Hon. Mr. Pratt: Thank you.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR ADDRESS IN REPLY—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from yesterday consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the session