

Mr. Burke is a former president of the maritime provinces board of trade and has since 1941 been managing director of the Maritime Central Airways, one of the most successful air lines of its sort in the world.

Captain Maxwell Burry of Glovertown, Newfoundland, is one of the most successful fishermen in Newfoundland. He first went to Labrador when he was 11 years old aboard his father's fishing schooner. Seven years later, when he was 18 years old, he was master of his own ship. In recent years Captain Burry's interest has again been centered on the Labrador fisheries and he is given a large share of the credit for reviving this important fishery within the past two or three years.

Mr. Dolhanty is presently vice president of district 26 of the United Mine Workers of America, an office he has held since 1950. He has worked in the coal mines in North Sydney since 1923 and has held various offices in his union over the years since then. He has been active also in the co-operative movement.

Brigadier Michael Wardell of Fredericton, New Brunswick, who has served as chairman of the board since its inception on January 24 of this year, will continue to be a member of the board until his term expires on January 24, 1965. He will be eligible for reappointment for a three year term.

The other members of the present board, Mr. Frank Sobey of Stellarton, Nova Scotia, Mr. Melvin McQuaid of Souris, Prince Edward Island, Mr. Fred Ayre of St. John's, Newfoundland and Mr. Donat LaLande of Moncton, New Brunswick, will serve on the board until January 24, 1964, and they too are eligible for reappointment.

Succeeding appointments to the board will be for terms of three years, the initial appointments having been made, as the act provides, for varying periods of time so that the membership of the board will not change completely in any one year.

I am very happy, Mr. Speaker, to be able to announce these appointments. The new members, I am sure, will bring to the board great ability and a wide diversity of experience in many facets of the economic and social life of the four Atlantic provinces. I am very grateful to the new members and to the old for their agreement to serve on this board and I am grateful too that the board will not lose the valuable services of the original members.

I may say, sir, that I have arranged to have a meeting of the board in Halifax on Tuesday at which I hope to be present myself. I would envisage a short open session before the board goes on with its business session, and I am quite confident that any members from the Atlantic provinces who would wish to be

there for the first part of the session and could find it convenient to be in Halifax would be most welcome.

**Mr. Bell:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether I might ask the minister a question, and in asking it I do not want to be misunderstood because I think the appointments are good ones. Is the minister aware that there does not seem to be a representative from the greater Saint John area in spite of the fact that southern New Brunswick is recognized by everybody to be the industrial centre of the Atlantic provinces?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** The hon. member is quite right and it is quite a serious omission. Perhaps it will be considered by some hon. gentlemen in that corner of the house to justify their view that there should have been 15 members on the board instead of 11. But a real effort was made to take account of geographical as well as other considerations. I am sorry to say that not every occupational group is represented.

**Mr. Crouse:** Agriculture?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** There are several members of the board with experience in agriculture, including Mr. Burke. I admit he has spent quite a lot of his time in the air in recent years, but he told me the other day he spent the first 21 years of his life on a farm outside Charlottetown and he has never been very far from the farm since. I would imagine that Mr. McQuaid also has some knowledge of agriculture. Of course, Prince Edward Island is, I suppose, the paramount agricultural part of the Atlantic provinces, though I see the hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings (Mr. Nowlan) shaking his head.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Go easy. I do not want to have to make a speech.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Well, Prince Edward Island is a little larger than the valley.

## COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Tenth report of standing committee on miscellaneous private bills—Mr. Wahn.

Eighth report of standing committee on banking and commerce—Mr. Asselin (Notre Dame de Grace).

## PRIVATE BILLS

**Mr. Edmund Asselin (Notre Dame de Grace):** Mr. Speaker, if we are still on motions, by unanimous consent I move seconded by Mr. Moreau:

That Bills S-33 and S-34, reported this day by the standing committee on banking and commerce, be placed on the order paper for consideration in committee of the whole later this day.

Motion agreed to.