

## PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL

SUGGESTED PUBLICATION IN VOTES AND  
PROCEEDINGS OF SPEECH OF MAY 24

On the orders of the day:

Mr. JEAN-FRANÇOIS POULIOT (Temiscouata): I wonder whether the government and the house would be willing to have published in *Votes and Proceedings* the complete text of the speech made yesterday at Westminster by Mr. Churchill. It is a report of the meeting of dominion prime ministers, and it is the sequel of the speech of our Prime Minister which is already on the same record. What is the intention of the government in that regard?

Hon. T. A. CRERAR (Minister of Mines and Resources): That question, Mr. Speaker, might be allowed to stand, and an answer may be given, perhaps, to-morrow.

## LABOUR CONDITIONS

APPLICATION OF EMPLOYEES OF DOMINION  
ARSENALS AT LINDSAY FOR  
CERTIFICATION

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON: (Leader of the Opposition): Will the Minister of Labour kindly advise the house as to what disposition the government has made of the requests of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, and others, with respect to the application for certification of the employees of the dominion arsenals at Lindsay?

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): The leader of the opposition was good enough to give me notice of this question.

I am informed that the wartime labour relations board—that is the national board—has not been able to entertain the application affecting the dominion arsenals at Lindsay for the reason that the employees concerned are directly employed by the crown and, hence, are outside the jurisdiction of the board.

As hon. members are aware, the government has a number of employees in the arsenals at Lindsay and elsewhere. Some of these form part of the peace-time establishment of the government service. They have always been classed as civil servants and as such outside the legislation provided for collective bargaining. In that respect they are in the same position as all other prevailing rates employees of the government, that is, employees who are paid on an hourly rate basis.

Consideration is being given to the possibility of having the recently established national joint council of the public service of Canada deal with the matter.

Mr. GRAYDON: If these men are civil servants, do they come under a superannuation scheme?

Mr. MITCHELL: I could not answer my hon. friend off hand. I understand that some do.

Mr. GRAYDON: I think there is quite a distinction. That is why I asked the question.

## QUEBEC FARM LABOUR BUREAU

On the orders of the day:

Mr. LIGUORI LACOMBE (Laval-Two Mountains). I gave notice to the Minister of Labour of the following question, which I now direct to him. Is the Quebec farm labour bureau, located at 31 West St. James street, Montreal, a federal organization or an organization of the government of Quebec?

Hon. HUMPHREY MITCHELL (Minister of Labour): The Quebec farm labour bureau, located at 31 West St. James street, Montreal, is a branch of the dominion-provincial farm labour organization in Quebec. A similar office is operated in Quebec city. The administration of these offices is the responsibility of the province and under the dominion-provincial farm labour agreement one-half of the expenses are borne by the dominion. The function of these offices is to recruit and place workers on farms.

## POST-WAR CIVIL AVIATION

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SOVIET RUSSIA AND CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. C. GREEN (Vancouver South): May I direct a question to the Minister of Munitions and Supply arising out of a press dispatch yesterday in which it was intimated that the Soviet ambassador to Canada had stated that it was likely there would be discussions between Russia and Canada concerning post-war air routes and air lines. Will the minister tell the house whether that is correct; and perhaps he can also give us a statement in that connection.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Munitions and Supply): We have been advised that a delegation from the Russian government are in the United States, or on their way there, to discuss with the United States government civil aviation problems. The conference will be one of a series of bilateral talks which are being held between various countries interested in civil aviation. An invitation has been extended to the Russian government to send representatives to Canada to hold similar bilateral talks with this government, and we are hopeful that the invitation will be accepted.