

## Private Bills

Canada, of which Messrs. Charles Bigonnesse, of Quebec city, and Jules Timmins, of Montreal, are the respective managers.

(Text):

**Mr. Fraser:** Will this bill be referred to the banking and commerce committee?

**Mr. Speaker:** I understand that this bill will be referred to the standing committee on miscellaneous private bills.

**Mr. Fraser:** It should go to the banking and commerce committee.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on miscellaneous private bills.

## PERTH MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

**Mr. J. N. Corry (Perth)** moved the second reading of Bill No. 92, to incorporate the Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

**Mr. Knowles:** Will the hon. member give us an explanation as lucid as the one we just had?

**Mr. Corry:** This company was organized on October 2, 1863 under chapter 52 of the Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada, 1859. The original name was County of Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company. It was originally on a mutual plan only. In 1877 the name was changed to Perth Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and they commenced operations on a cash basis as well as continuing the mutual plan. They were licensed in the province of Quebec in 1933, and also in 1938 obtained supplementary letters patent in the province of Ontario to write all classes of insurance except life.

In 1947 the company was licensed in the province of British Columbia, and in 1950 in the province of Alberta. Therefore it has been writing insurance in four provinces and by way of re-insurance in the whole dominion. The present company, it is expected, will be absorbed by the new company which seeks incorporation, and the directorate and the management will be the same as the present directorate and management.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

[Mr. Brisson.]

## QUESTIONS

## HOUSING—STE. FOY, QUE.

**Mr. LaCroix:**

1. What are the names of the individuals or companies who submitted tenders to the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, on March 25, 1952, in connection with the building of two hundred houses at Ste. Foy, county of Quebec-Montmorency?
2. What was the amount of each tender?

**Mr. Winters:**

1. (a) Community Enterprises Limited, Montreal, P.Q.; (b) J. Paquette, Rosemere, P.Q.; (c) G. Archambault Limitee, Montreal, P.Q.; (d) Jobin Francois Inc., Quebec, P.Q.

2. Contracts were called on the basis of provision of three alternate types of heating. The contract was awarded on the basis of provision of hot air heating only.

	Hot Air Heating	Hot Water Heating	Hot Water Heating "K" houses only
(a)	\$1,778,720	\$1,804,160	\$1,783,280
(b)	\$1,785,650	\$1,859,650	\$1,823,290
(c)	\$1,787,060	\$1,808,780	\$1,783,180
(d)	\$1,796,000	\$1,821,200	\$1,800,560

## COST OF LIVING INDEX

**Mr. Noseworthy:**

1. From what unions or locals, if any, has the government received requests for public hearings on the cost of living index, and its projected revision?

2. What organizations and/or groups, if any, have been invited by the dominion bureau of statistics to meet with statisticians and present their views on the cost of living index?

3. What organizations and groups, if any, have met with the dominion bureau of statistics and/or presented written submissions on the cost of living index and its projected revision?

4. What are the terms of reference under which the dominion bureau of statistics has operated and is and will be operating with regard to the cost of living index?

**Mr. Howe:**

1. International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, District 8; United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, District 5 Council and Local 523; United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union; Vancouver Enamel Workers' Federal Union, No. 291.

2. Canadian Association of Consumers; Canadian Chamber of Commerce; Canadian Congress of Labour; Canadian Federation of Agriculture; Canadian Manufacturers Association. Canadian Retail Federation; Confederation Des Travailleurs Catholiques du Canada; Congress of Canadian Women, Lakehead Chapter; International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, District 8; Trades and Labour Congress of Canada; United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, District 5 Council and Local 523;