

LAKEHEAD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS BILL

FIRST READING

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-26, to incorporate the Lakehead Harbour Commissioners.

Bill read first time.

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

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Next sitting.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. W. M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I lay on the Table the following documents:

Report on industrial designs, dated June 1, 1958, by the Royal Commission on Patents, Copyright, Trade Marks and Industrial Designs. (English and French texts).

Report of the Department of Public Printing and Stationery for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1958, as required by section 36 of chapter 226, R.S. (English and French texts).

Report of the Superintendent of Insurance of Canada, Vol. I, respecting abstract of statements of insurance companies in Canada, for the year ended December 31, 1957, as required by section 9 of chapter 70, R.S. (English and French texts).

Report of expenditures and administration in connection with the Unemployment Assistance Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1958, as required by section 9 of chapter 26 of the statutes of 1956. (English and French texts).

Report dated June 30, 1958, of Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba Board respecting measures for the control of the waters of Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba, Province of Manitoba, together with supplementary volumes I and II containing the appendixes numbers 1 to 8, both inclusive, to the said report. (English text).

HOUSING

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Hon. Charles G. Hawkins, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Finance, presented the report of the committee on the report of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1957.

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

Hon. Mr. Hawkins: Next sitting.

AUTHORITY TO PRINT REPORT IN SENATE RECORDS

Hon. Mr. Hawkins moved, with leave:

That the report of the Standing Committee on Finance on the report of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1957, be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* of this date.

Motion agreed to.

See appendix to today's Hansard, pp. 501-6.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports Nos. 308 to 330.

He said: Honourable senators, I hope to present on Thursday the committee's final report for this session. It is now being prepared. Honourable senators will notice that the reports have reached 330 in number. That does not mean 330 cases have been tried, for certain reports have recommended refund of parliamentary fees, the granting of certain powers to the committee, and so on. I shall give complete statistics later, but I may say now that the actual number of cases tried was 319.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall these reports be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Honourable senators, I move, with leave, that these reports be adopted now.

Motion agreed to.

CENTRAL MORTGAGE BANK

NOTICE OF FURTHER INQUIRY

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot: Honourable senators, as a rule the honourable Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Aseltine) is quite accurate and helpful in answering questions of my honourable colleagues. But at page 480 of Senate *Hansard*, in dealing with the second part of my question about the Central Mortgage Bank Act, he did not answer as well as usual. I have to make inquiries myself to verify his answer.

The question I asked was this:

Did the said act go into effect and, if not, why?

The answer was "Yes". It may be "Yes" if one overlooks the fact that the Board of Directors of the bank was never authorized to act. I will refer the honourable gentleman to some important clippings. I knew that the Central Mortgage Bank directors had been named. On July 12, 1939, in the *Montreal Gazette*, there was a dispatch from that paper's resident correspondent in Ottawa stating that the act was going into effect the following Friday, and there were many difficulties. In the *Ottawa Journal* of July 17, 1939 there was an article headed: "What is a farm? Knotty problem for bank". There was no definition of the word "farm" in the Bank Act. And on August 22 the Central Mortgage Bank was supposed to begin enrolling loan companies within six weeks.