

all. When we may appeal to young men under twenty-one years of age to bear arms and when young men under twenty-one may already vote in two provinces, they should not be categorized in this way. I think that definition should be eliminated from the bill.

Mr. MARTIN: I may agree with everything the hon. member has said but until the governing acts are changed, this will have to stay in law. We have made provision in section 10 whereby they may make their applications at the age of eighteen. I have gone as far as I could and I hope that in the not too distant future we shall go farther.

Mr. MacNICOL: But is not the hon. member right in what he says that a minor who may be called upon to carry arms should not be classed with lunatics and idiots?

Mr. MARTIN: I have said that I agree, but I have pointed out that we cannot go any farther in this bill because of the governing acts. I have gone as far as I could by changing section 10 to enable them to make application at the age of eighteen.

Mr. COLDWELL: Nothing in this bill would prevent this house, when we come to amending the franchise act, from extending it to a person eighteen years old, because many of us are in favour of enfranchising minors who may be called upon to bear arms. Yet they are only eighteen-year old children under this act.

Mr. MARTIN: Quite right.

Mr. HAZEN: In what sections of the bill is the word "disability" found?

Mr. MARTIN: In section 13.

Section as amended agreed to.

Progress reported.

SUPPLY

The house again in committee of supply, Mr. Golding in the chair.

Mr. MACKENZIE: I simply wish to call two items: reconstruction, 604, and justice, 96. There are three departments now in supply and these are two more. I move that the items stand.

Items stand.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie the house adjourned at 10.55 p.m.

Tuesday, April 30, 1946

The house met at three o'clock.

UNITED NATIONS

RELIEF AND REHABILITATION—CANADIAN AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS—MOTOR VEHICLES

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, on April 21 I made a statement concerning Canada's contribution to UNRRA since its commencement. At that time the hon. member for Temiscouata (Mr. Pouliot) asked if I would give the house a statement showing the number of automobiles and trucks which have been apportioned to each country.

At UNRRA headquarters in Washington the needs of the various recipient countries are considered, allocations are made of goods which are most urgently required, and orders placed among the contributing countries best able to supply.

At the request of UNRRA the Canadian Export Board has purchased, with Canadian funds, 3,888 trucks at an estimated cost of \$6,756,357. In addition UNRRA has purchased with free funds 7,347 trucks and 22 ambulances at a cost of \$13,282,221, or a total of 11,235 trucks.

In view of the tremendous destruction of the transportation systems in Europe and China, and the need to get supplies to distressed areas immediately, UNRRA urged that trucks be shipped as quickly as possible. I understand the actual allocation made by UNRRA was as follows: China 3,761; Yugoslavia, 2,204; Poland, 1,774; Czechoslovakia, 1,471; Greece, 1,229; Albania, 234; Italy, 50; Philippines, 2. The balance of 510 have not yet been allocated. The great majority of these were of course, military type trucks.

Mr. FRASER: Did they buy any of those from War Assets Corporation?

Mr. MacKINNON: No, I do not think so.

Mr. GORDON GRAYDON (Peel): I should like to ask a question in connection with UNRRA. I am not sure whether the minister has tabled information he promised before the Easter recess with respect to the contributions of the various nations under the UNRRA agreement.

Mr. MacKINNON: I do not remember making any such promise, although I remember the hon. member's asking the question. I believe however the information is being tabled by the Department of External Affairs.