

Questions

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDRESS IN REPLY

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received a communication from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by his own hand, reading as follows:

Government House, Ottawa
May 2, 1950

Members of the House of Commons:

I have received with great pleasure the address that you have voted in reply to my speech at the opening of parliament. I thank you sincerely for this address.

Alexander of Tunis

AERONAUTICS ACT

AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO POWER OF MINISTER TO MAKE REGULATIONS, ETC.

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport) moved the first reading of Bill No. 153 (from the Senate) to amend the Aeronautics Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 154, for the relief of Lillian Soper Pearce Smith.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 155, for the relief of Antoinette Carriere Lepine.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 156, for the relief of Marjorie Blythe Shore Marriott.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 157, for the relief of Norman Harold Lucas.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 158, for the relief of Blanche Irene Aurore Schryer Batryn.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 159, for the relief of Leah Judith Godfrey Green.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 160, for the relief of Phyllis Martin Payne.—Mr. Winkler.

Bill No. 161, for the relief of Geraldine Estelle Leduc Brunet.—Mr. Winkler.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

BEGG BUILDING, VANCOUVER

Mr. Green:

1. What is the aggregate amount paid, and to be paid, to Allan & Viner Construction Company, Limited, under contract for alterations in and additions and improvements to what is known as the Begg building in Vancouver?

2. Has this firm made claim for payment of any extras over and above such contract price?

3. If so, what is the amount so claimed?

4. How much has been and will be paid on such claim?

[Mr. Cote (Verdun-La Salle).]

Mr. Fournier (Hull):

1. \$1,399,022.89.

2. No.

3 and 4. Answered by No. 2.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—NEWFOUNDLAND—EARNINGS AND EXPENSES

Mr. Browne (St. John's West):

What have been the earnings and expenses of the Canadian National Railways in Newfoundland, during the year ending March 31, 1950, for (a) passengers; (b) freight; (c) Newfoundland dock yard; (d) Newfoundland hotel?

Mr. Chevrier:

The Canadian National Railways advise as follows:

Operating revenues of the Canadian National Railways in Newfoundland, including rail, express and steamers, during the year ending March 31, 1950:

Passenger, \$1,524,946; freight, \$4,734,075; dockyard, \$1,014,316; all other, \$1,497,126; total: \$8,770,463.

Operating expenses of the Canadian National Railways in Newfoundland, including rail, express and steamers, during the year ending March 31, 1950:

Dockyard (includes maintenance of facilities used for railway purposes), \$1,088,881; all other (separation of expenses between freight and passenger is not maintained), \$11,098,701; total, \$12,187,582.

Note: The Newfoundland hotel was not taken over until October 1, 1949, and the results of operation from that date to March 31, 1950, are not yet available.

CONSUMPTION AND SALES OF FISH

Mr. Isnor:

1. What has been the yearly consumption of fish in Canada, per person, for the years 1935, 1940, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949?

2. What action has been taken in the past five years by the Department of Fisheries to increase the consumption of fish?

3. What plans are there for the immediate future to enlarge sales in (a) domestic markets; (b) foreign markets?

Mr. MacNaught:

Year	Edible weight pounds per capita
1935	*
1940	9.3
1945	9.9
1947	11.5
1948	12.2
1949	†

*No figures available.

†Figures not yet available.