

Proposed Legislation

Having been saved by your kindness, Mr. Speaker, I shall now explain to the house that subparagraphs 1 and 2 of section 12 provide that persons who have received or have been allotted half-breed lands or money scrip, and their descendants, are not entitled to be registered as Indians. The purpose of this amendment is to make this provision inapplicable to persons who are now registered and their descendants.

Mr. Winch: That is not a minor amendment; it is serious.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

LAKE OF THE WOODS CONTROL BOARDAMENDMENT ALTERING CONSTITUTION OF
MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-25, to amend the Lake of the Woods Control Board Act, 1921.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle): The purpose of this bill is to change the composition of the board under this act to control the Lake of the Woods water levels. At the present time there are two members from the province of Ontario on the board and two members representing the federal government. This change will give to the province of Manitoba one representative; Ontario will retain its two representatives; and the federal government will have one representative.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

LAKEHEAD HARBOUR COMMISSIONERSESTABLISHMENT OF CORPORATION FOR MANAGE-
MENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF HARBOUR

Hon. George H. Hees (Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-26, to incorporate the lakehead harbour commissioners.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Hees: The purpose of this bill is to establish a harbour commission to administer the lakehead harbours. There will be five commissioners, one appointed by each municipality and three appointed by the governor in council. It is a similar bill to the one which set up the Windsor and other harbour commissions.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[Mrs. Fairclough.]

YUKON ACTAMENDMENTS RESPECTING BORROWING AND
LOANING OF MONEY, APPOINTMENT
OF OFFICIALS, ETC.

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Yukon Act to broaden the purposes for which the commissioner of the Yukon Territory may borrow or lend money; to authorize the appointment of deputy police magistrates and provide for them remuneration and allowances; to make it clear that the governor in council may appoint judicial as well as administrative officers; and to provide further for certain changes in connection with the administration of the act.

Motion agreed to.

MOTION FOR PAPERS

POWER AND IRRIGATION PROJECTS, SASK.

Motion No. 8—Mr. Argue:

For a copy of all correspondence and other documents exchanged between the federal government or any of its departments, and the government of Saskatchewan, from July 17, 1956 to date, dealing with: (i) the building of power plants and electrical transmission lines within Saskatchewan; (ii) the construction of the South Saskatchewan river dam.

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources): Subject to the usual reservations.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations expressed by the minister, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

CRIMINAL CODEAMENDMENT TO PROVIDE PUNISHMENT FOR
WATER POLLUTION

Mr. Eric Stefanson (Selkirk) moved:

That, in the opinion of this house, the government should give consideration to the advisability of introducing a measure to provide by amendment to the Criminal Code appropriate punishment for the offence of water pollution.

He said: Mr. Speaker, in introducing this resolution concerning water pollution I may say I am convinced that it is of great importance to all Canadians and especially to the people of Manitoba because the Red river and lake Winnipeg, are within the boundaries of the Selkirk constituency. It is, therefore, of great importance to the people of my constituency.

Since I am not a legal man or a medical man, the comments and observations I will make on this problem of water pollution will