

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 26, 1950

The house met at eleven o'clock.

### RADIO BROADCASTING

Third and final report of special committee on radio broadcasting.—Mr. Maybank.

### OLD AGE PENSIONS

#### TABLING OF REGULATIONS

**Hon. Paul Martin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to table regulations made under the Old Age Pensions Act.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Will the minister say whether the regulations he has tabled deal with matters of substance, and whether they were approved by the interprovincial committee on old age pension regulations?

**Mr. Martin:** That depends upon what is regarded as a matter of substance. I think my hon. friend and I had better look at the regulations and refresh our memories in the matter.

**Mr. Knowles:** The minister had better speak for himself.

### QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

#### PROSECUTIONS FOR OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE INTOXICATED

**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. How many prosecutions, by provinces, of persons charged with operating motor vehicles while intoxicated, took place, and on what date, in each month since the 1st of June, 1949, and of these, how many convictions were registered?

2. Of those who were convicted, how many received imprisonment of (a) seven days; (b) seven to fourteen days; (c) thirty days?

3. In how many of such convictions were their drivers' licences suspended (a) temporarily; (b) for a period of three months or more?

**Mr. McIlraith:** The information asked for in this question is not available in the form in which it is asked for, but there is a considerable amount of related information available in a publication which I am sending to the hon. member. That will be supplemented by further information that may be available, but it is not possible to answer the question as it stands, and I suggest that it be dropped.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Is there any reason why parts 1 and 2 could not be answered? Those statistics should be available.

**Mr. McIlraith:** The statistics of convictions are kept on a yearly basis for the year ending September 30; the information is compiled for the year ended September 30, 1948. The publication I am sending the hon. member—

**Mr. Knowles:** What is the title of the publication?

**Mr. McIlraith:** "Statistics of Criminal and Other Offences for the Year Ended September 30, 1948." The information for the year following has not yet been compiled, and in any event the information is not compiled in the way asked for in the question; it is compiled on the basis of the time of trial. As to the third question, the information as to suspension of licences is not available.

I might add that since nine o'clock this morning I tried to reach the hon. member a great many times and was not able to do so. The whole question of the form of preparing statistics on criminal offences is now being studied with a view to changing the method.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I would ask that the question be allowed to stand until I have an opportunity to discuss it.

**Mr. Green:** Why does the year end on September 30?

**Mr. Speaker:** Stand.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** I notice this question was answered by the Department of Trade and Commerce. Would not that information be in the Department of Justice?

**Mr. Garson:** I would think not. The compilation of this information, which is taken from the records of the provincial attorneys general departments, is carried on by the bureau of statistics, as I understand it, which, as my hon. friend is aware, comes under the Department of Trade and Commerce.

#### "FULL EMPLOYMENT"

**Mr. Noseworthy:**

1. What is the government's definition of full employment?

2. Has the government considered the setting of a specific target in terms of the number or percentage of the labour force unemployed, above which special action might be taken to increase employment?

3. If so, what is the result of such consideration?