

### PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

#### POPULATION AND FARM STATISTICS FOR KENT COUNTY— INQUIRY ANSWERED

**Hon. Hervé J. Michaud** inquired of the Government, pursuant to notice:

1. What was the population of Kent County, New Brunswick, in the years 1871, 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911, 1921, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1961 and 1966; and what was the latest estimated population for that County?

2. What was the total acreage in farms (woodlots included) and the total acreage in cleared, improved farmland (pasture included) in the said County for the years 1901, 1911, 1921, 1931, 1941, 1951, 1961 and 1966?

3. What was the total number of commercial farm operators in Kent County in the years 1931, 1941, 1951, 1961 and 1966?

**Hon. Paul Martin:** Answered.

(The answer follows.)

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that:

1. Population of Kent County, New Brunswick for the following years:

1871 . . . .	19,101	1941 . . . .	25,817
1881 . . . .	22,618	1951 . . . .	26,767
1891 . . . .	23,845	1961 . . . .	26,667
1901 . . . .	23,958	1966 . . . .	24,736
1911 . . . .	24,376	1967 . . . .	24,716 (estimate)
1921 . . . .	23,916	1968 . . . .	23,360 (estimate)
1931 . . . .	23,478	1969 . . . .	23,007 (estimate)

2. Total acreage in farms, and in improved farmland for Kent County, New Brunswick for the following years:

Year	Total acreage in farms (including farm woodlots)	Total acreage of improved farmland (including improved pasture)
1901	338,625	112,087
1911	344,736	112,258
1921	321,201	112,289
1931	309,111	111,468
1941	319,371	110,348
1951	267,334	91,027
1961	178,187	63,108
1966	138,097	50,668

3. Total Number of Operators of Commercial Farms (with sales of \$2,500 and over) in Kent County, New Brunswick for the following years:

Year	Number of Operators of Commercial Farms (sales of \$2,500 & over)
1931	not available
1941	not available
1951	158
1961	112
1966	143

[Hon. Mr. Flynn.]

### FORT-FALLS BRIDGE AUTHORITY BILL

#### SECOND READING—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from Wednesday, April 7, the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Benidickson for the second reading of Bill S-14, respecting the construction of an international highway bridge between Fort Frances, Ontario and International Falls, Minnesota.

**Hon. Allister Grosart:** Honourable senators, while speaking to this bill in an earlier occasion I asked a number of questions. The honourable sponsor, Senator Benidickson, has been good enough to assure me that he will give full answers to those questions during the debate. Therefore, I have no further comment at this time.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Benidickson, debate adjourned.

### TEXTILE AND CLOTHING BOARD BILL

#### SECOND READING—DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate resumed from Wednesday, April 7, the adjourned debate on the motion of Hon. Mr. Cook for the second reading of Bill C-215, to establish the Textile and Clothing Board and to make certain amendments to other Acts in consequence thereof.

**Hon. Fred M. Blois:** Honourable senators, first of all I should like to compliment Senator Cook, the sponsor of this bill, on his very fine explanation. His explanation in general, and the figures he quoted in support of it in particular, will afford us the opportunity of discussing this matter much more thoroughly than would have been the case had he not given us such a lucid account.

I support the bill in general principle, but there are a number of clauses that I should like to have clarified when the bill goes to committee. In my opinion, some slight changes to certain of the clauses of this measure would be of benefit to the act itself, but it is not necessary to bring them to your attention this evening because we shall have a much better chance to consider them when the bill goes before the committee.

This is a very important bill. Not only is it important to the textile and clothing industry, it is important to the importers and exporters of those commodities, as well as to consumers themselves.

According to the law of the land, people are not allowed to go round in public in the nude. Nevertheless, when we visit some of the bathing beaches in various parts of Canada in summer, we tend to wonder if some people are not very close to breaking the law; not that I personally object, because I have enjoyed some of these sights myself.

**Hon. Mr. Beaubien:** So long as they are young, it is all right.

**Hon. Mr. Blois:** The textile and clothing industry has an important place in the economy of our country, catering as it does to some 22 million Canadians. Apart from that, of course, there are many thousands of people who would be indirectly affected by this bill.