

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence relating to this Bill (*Issue No. 1*) is tabled.

(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 5 to the Journals*).

On motion of Mr. Chappell, seconded by Mr. Forest, the recommendation contained in the First Report of the Special Committee on Election Expenses, presented to the House on Thursday, November 26, 1970, was concurred in.

Mr. Dubé, seconded by Mr. Benson, by leave of the House, introduced Bill C-203, An Act to amend the Pension Act and the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act, which was read the first time and ordered to be printed and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The text of the Message and recommendation of the Governor General printed pursuant to Standing Order 6(2) in relation to the foregoing Bill is as follows:

His Excellency the Governor General recommends to the House of Commons a measure to amend the Pension Act and the Civilian War Pensions and Allowances Act; to provide for the payment of pensions to members of the Hong Kong force and other prisoners of war of the Japanese and to dependents of such members who died before the coming into force of new Part IV of the Act; to provide for the payment to certain members of the forces of an exceptional incapacity allowance of not less than \$800 and not more than \$2400 per annum; to provide for the payment of additional pensions to members of the forces suffering disabilities that are a consequence of a disability for which they are already receiving a pension; to provide for the payment to pensioners in receipt of a pension for the loss of a paired organ or limb, of an additional pension for the loss of the pair of that organ or limb; to provide for the payment of additional allowances to certain members of the forces for wear and tear of clothing and for the purchase of specially made wearing apparel; to extend from 12 months to 3 years the period for which a pension may be granted retroactively; to increase the additional award payable for delays to an amount equal to 2 years pension; to describe the circumstances in which an injury or disease or aggravation thereof is deemed to have arisen out of military service; to establish a Bureau of Pensions Advocates outside of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to provide further for the establishment of two new Boards for the hearing of appeals, namely, an Entitlement Board and the Pension Review Board and for new procedures for the making and hearing of applications for awards to clarify certain provisions of the Pension Act; and finally to provide for other related or consequential matters.

Pursuant to Standing Order 39(4) the following three Questions were made Orders of the House for returns:

No. 65—*Mr. Knowles* (Winnipeg North Centre)

1. How many retired federal civil servants are receiving pensions, including their basic pensions and any supplement or supplements added thereto, of amounts within each of the following brackets: (a) less than \$20.00 per month (b) \$20.00 to \$29.99 per month (c) \$30.00 to \$39.99 per month (d) \$40.00 to \$49.99 per month (e) \$50.00 to \$59.99 per month (f) \$60.00 to \$69.99 per month (g) \$70.00 to \$79.99 per month (h) \$80.00 to \$89.99 per month (i) \$90.00 to \$99.99 per month (j) \$100.00 to \$149.99 per month (k) \$150.00 to \$199.99 per month (l) \$200.00 to \$249.99 per month (m) \$250.00 to \$299.99 per month (n) \$300.00 per month and over?

2. How many widows of civil servants or of retired civil servants are receiving pensions, including their basic pensions and any supplement or supplements added thereto, of amounts within each of the brackets indicated in the above question?

3. What is the number of retired civil servants and also the number of widows of civil servants or of retired civil servants presently residing in each province?

4. In respect of how many orphans of federal civil servants are pensions being paid and what is the average amount thereof?—Sessional Paper No. 283-2/65.

No. 202—*Mr. Howard* (Skeena)

1. Has the government taken steps to close any parts or divisions of the farm annex at the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary and, if so, which parts or divisions, by name, have been closed and for what reason?

2. With respect to each such division for each of the past five years, is it considered that the operation thereof was profitable and, if so, what are the financial statistics with respect thereto?

3. For each of the past five years and for each of the commodities raised at the farm annex, to what extent has the cost of production been (a) above (b) below the market price?

4. Within the past five years, has any stock of cans been scrapped or discarded and, if so (a) how many such cans were discarded (b) what was the value thereof (c) what were the reasons for discarding them?

5. Within the past five years (a) were any commodities transported to any place for canning and, if so (i) which ones (ii) in what quantities (iii) at what cost (b) were they transported to any place from the point of canning and, if so (i) where (ii) at what cost?

6. Who did the canning referred to in part 5?

7. Is any acreage at the farm annex lying idle and, if so (a) what number of acres (b) for what reason?—Sessional Paper No. 283-2/202.

No. 320—*Mr. Robinson*

1. Does the federal government have any portable gasoline or oil tanks for use in the North?