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THE CEDAR RAPIDS MANUFACTURING AND
POWER COMPANY

Mr. D. C. ABBOTT (St. Antoine-Westmount) moved the first reading of Bill No. 44, respecting the Cedar Rapids Manufacturing and Power Company.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. ABBOTT: The purpose of this bill is to grant certain powers to this company as now provided for in section 14 of the Companies Act. Three powers are being asked for. The first is the power to sell or dispose of the undertaking of the company or any part thereof for such consideration as the company may think fit. The next is the power to distribute among the shareholders any property or assets of the company of which it may have power to dispose, and the third is the power to amalgamate or consolidate with any other company. The first of these powers is identical with that granted by paragraph (m) of section 14 of the dominion Companies Act. The second is substantially identical with that granted by paragraph (u) of section 14, and the third, while somewhat abbreviated, is similar to that granted by paragraph (b) of the same section.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 45, for the relief of Elma Jane Harris Aspell.—Mr. Hazen.

Bill No. 46, for the relief of Edith Leanora Holland Bonnet.—Mr. Bercovitch.

Bill No. 47, for the relief of Dorothy Lavinia Worsley Baker.—Mr. Casselman (Grenville-Dundas).

Bill No. 48, for the relief of Eugene Belanger.—Mr. McIlraith.

Bill No. 49, for the relief of Rebecca Cohen.—Mr. McIlraith.

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

QUESTION OF ACTION UPON APPLICATIONS FOR
ENLISTMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. K. ESLING (Kootenay West): Is the Minister of National Defence for Air (Mr. Power) ready to make a statement which would relieve the anxiety of several thousand young men whose applications have been accepted for enlistment in the air force? These men have waited some time for definite word and are beginning to feel somewhat discouraged. Many of them are ignoring the call for enlistment in other branches of the service.

[Mr. Lapointe (Quebec East).]

Hon. C. G. POWER (Minister of National Defence for Air): I shall be very glad to make some such statement at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): There are many young men in this position.

UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

ALLEVIATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND AGRICULTURAL
DISTRESS—UNDERTAKINGS IN GENERAL
INTEREST AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO PROVINCES

The house resumed from Thursday, June 20, consideration in committee of Bill No. 42, to assist in the alleviation of unemployment and agricultural distress—Mr. McLarty—Mr. Vien in the chair.

On section 3—Agreements with provinces and others.

Mr. MacNICOL: I was quite pleased with the information the minister gave yesterday in reply to a question I asked with reference to the use of technical schools in Toronto. The minister stated that my understanding of the matter was correct. I think this is a step in the right direction. If Canada is to do her part toward winning the war there is no doubt that in a short time many of the plants in this country not now in operation will be operating at full force and there will be need of young men to man these plants. Many young men now taking courses in the technical schools will have an opportunity to take the three months' summer course in order to finish their training. The board of education in Toronto has decided to keep all the technical schools open and the various instructors have indicated their willingness to forego their holidays in order that instruction may be given. I think that is a most patriotic gesture on their part. As I understand it these students are to be instructed in machine shop and foundry practice and so on.

Mr. McLARTY: And the metal trades.

Mr. MacNICOL: They will be instructed how to make drawings of the different things they are working on; they will be instructed in the welding of metals and in die and tool making. In many of these trades there is an acute shortage of mechanics at the present time because during the last two or three years many mechanics have gone back to the old country. Will there be instruction in laboratory practice?

Mr. McLARTY: I do not think that that will be studied in any great degree; I think it will relate pretty largely to the practical