

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, January 12, 1954

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Mr. W. M. Benidickson (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance): On behalf of the Minister of Finance I wish to table the public accounts and the report of the auditor general for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1953.

[Later:]

INQUIRY AS TO AVAILABILITY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Macdonnell: May I ask the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Finance whether or not the public accounts will be immediately available for distribution?

Mr. Benidickson: I understand they will be distributed today.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 85, for the relief of Marie Jeannine Bisson Lecuyer.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 86, for the relief of George Joseph John Louis Gustav Brisebois.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 87, for the relief of Ivy Isabel Brown Wilkinson.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 88, for the relief of Eileen Sybil Fels Goldstein.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 89, for the relief of Liliane Bernier L'Heureux.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 90, for the relief of Andrew Warden Clark.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 91, for the relief of Frances Herscovitz Hershon.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 92, for the relief of Mary Frances Beatrice Lord Tomkinson.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 93, for the relief of Roslyn Belkin Cohen.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 94, for the relief of Phyllis Mildred Brohart Stephens Mowat.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 95, for the relief of Anna Lillian Montague Maye.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 96, for the relief of Gerald Fry.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 97, for the relief of Gordon Amos Finlay.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 98, for the relief of Eleanor Mary Hastie Moon.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 99, for the relief of Jean de Tonancour Racette.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 100, for the relief of Pauline Frances Elizabeth Appleton Powell.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 103, for the relief of Joseph Anthony Albert Britt.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 104, for the relief of Violette (Labeebe) Zakaib Kenemy.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 105, for the relief of Elizabeth Josephine Grant Drummond.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 106, for the relief of Joseph Georges Roger Dufort.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 107, for the relief of Max Wulfovitch.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 108, for the relief of Jessie Moffat Luce.—Mr. Weir.

Bill No. 109, for the relief of Julia McKenzie Clarke Smith.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 110, for the relief of Phyllis Matthews Cloutier.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 111, for the relief of Rose White Bishop.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 112, for the relief of Victor Della Porta, otherwise known as Jack William Taylor.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 113, for the relief of Edith Hersh Beck.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 114, for the relief of Dorothy Amelia Hockley Burne.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 115, for the relief of Dora Garoff Bernstein.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 116, for the relief of Phyllis Weiss Cohen.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 117, for the relief of Rose Lillian Budd Cooke.—Mr. Croll.

Bill No. 118, for the relief of Jeanne Delattre Toubeix.—Mr. Croll.

NATURAL GAS

PROPOSED PIPE LINE FROM ALBERTA TO EASTERN CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Hon. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Is it his intention to make a statement to the house with regard to the very important announcements which have appeared in connection with the proposed natural gas pipe line from western Canada to eastern Canada?

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I think I can make a brief statement at this time. As hon. members