

Questions

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT TO ENSURE EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT
DISCRIMINATION AS TO ETHNIC ORIGIN OR
RELIGIOUS CREED

On the order for introduction of bills:

Mr. Alistair Stewart (Winnipeg North) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 199, to amend the Criminal Code (discrimination).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Stewart (Winnipeg North): The purpose of this amendment is to secure for every Canadian the equal right to work without being discriminated against because of his or her ethnic origin or religious creed. By defending this right, parliament will give legal sanction to certain sections of the universal declaration of human rights, for which the Canadian delegation voted at the general assembly of the United Nations.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

SURPLUS CROWN ASSETS ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR DISPOSAL OF
SURPLUS CROWN ASSETS BY CROWN
ASSETS DISPOSAL CORPORATION

Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved the first reading of Bill No. 195 (from the Senate) to amend the Surplus Crown Assets Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Bill No. 196, for the relief of Arthur Colpron.—**Mr. Winkler.**

Bill No. 197, for the relief of Berengere Pare Fuller.—**Mr. Winkler.**

Bill No. 198, for the relief of Enid Dorothy MacRae Gauley.—**Mr. Winkler.**

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—REPRESENTATION
OF WESTERN CANADA ON BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

Mr. Knowles:

1. Has consideration been given by the government since the appointment of Mr. William Parker to replace Mr. E. J. Young, or since October 26, 1949 to representations from the Winnipeg chamber of commerce asking that western Canada be given increased and equitable representation on the board of directors of the Canadian National Railways?

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

Mr. Winters:

1. Since the appointment of Mr. William Parker, no further consideration has been

[**Mr. Winters.**]

given by the government to the request of the Winnipeg chamber of commerce for increased representation for western Canada on the board of directors of the Canadian National Railway Company, as the Canadian National-Canadian Pacific Act, 1936, provides that the board of directors of the Canadian National Railway Company shall consist of seven directors, and it is not the intention of the government to amend this act at the present time.

2. See answer to No. 1.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES—OCEANOGRAPHY

Mr. Isnor:

1. Has the Department of Fisheries a branch dealing with oceanography?

2. If so (a) where is it located; (b) what is the name of the person in charge; (c) how many persons are employed in this work?

3. Have any members of the branch done work on the Atlantic coast? If so, at what places?

4. Has work been carried out on the Pacific coast? If so, at what places?

5. Have exploration surveys been carried out in the Arctic? If so, of what nature?

6. Is it planned in the near future to expand the oceanographic operations of the east (Atlantic) and west (Pacific) coasts?

Mr. MacNaught:

1. The fisheries research board, as the scientific arm of the Department of Fisheries, has carried out investigations in the field of oceanography, both on the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts, for many years, particularly in connection with the studies of the biological aspects of oceanography.

During the late war the oceanographers of the board worked closely with the Royal Canadian Navy and the national research council in the field of physical-chemical oceanography. From this work the Canadian joint committee consists of representatives of the Royal Canadian Navy, the national research council and the fisheries research board, and the hydrographic and meteorological services co-operate in the work of the committee.

2. (a) The function of the joint committee is the further co-operative oceanographic research in Canada, to define policy and to direct the work of the two oceanographic groups. The Atlantic group is located at the Atlantic biological station, St. Andrews, N.B. The Pacific group is located at the Pacific biological station, Nanaimo, B.C.

(b) Mr. H. B. Hachey, chief oceanographer, St. Andrews, N.B.

(c) Four persons in the Atlantic group and six in the Pacific group, as on November 15, 1949.

3. Yes. The Atlantic group, following the planned program of the joint committee and with the assistance of vessels and personnel