

*Canada Elections Act*

In concluding my remarks, this is what I ask the hon. minister. He obviously received this brief; perhaps his officials have considered it and he has studied it himself. I should like to know when the conference of judges that submitted the brief to the hon. Minister of Justice can expect to receive comments from him concerning the salary of our Superior Court judges?

**Mr. Cardin:** Mr. Chairman, in answer to the question put by the hon. member for Charlevoix (Mr. Asselin), I may say that I have received representations not only from the conference of judges, but also from the chief justice of the province of Quebec who, in fact, was spokesman for all the judges in Canada, with respect to the salary increase. These representations were made at the end of last summer and, as a matter of fact, a very detailed study has been made in regard to the salaries of judges; I believe legislation will be introduced before the house in a not too distant future.

[*English*]

**Mr. Herridge:** I will be very brief indeed, Mr. Chairman. I see the house leader has a rather strange look on his face. For a number of years I have been interested in this question. I have discussed with judges I have known and lawyers throughout the district the matter of the appointment of judges. I find there is no agreement amongst the lawyers. Many lawyers do not agree with the recommendations of the law societies on this matter. I must say that, on the whole, our experience in Canada has been very fortunate indeed in so far as these appointments are concerned.

However, I do want to support the suggestions made by the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond to the effect that a committee could be appointed on a provincial basis including members of the legal fraternity and lay persons. I should like to suggest that if lay persons are included then farmers, that good, honest breed, should be included in the committee as well as some representation from the working people. We must remember that judges are human. It does not matter what scheme is devised to make certain they do not err; they are human like other people. Even in countries which have other systems of appointment for judges, such as Great Britain and Australia, judges err on occasion

to the discomfort of the government that appointed them.

Clause agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS****PROVISION FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES,  
ISSUE OF SECURITIES, ETC.**

The house resumed from Tuesday, December 6, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-299, to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways system for the period from the 1st day of January, 1965 to the 30th day of June, 1967, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company—Mr. Sharp—Mr. Rinfret in the chair.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Shall clause 3 carry?

Clause 3 agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 13 inclusive agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Bill reported.

**The Deputy Chairman:** When shall the said bill be read a third time, now?

**Mr. Starr:** By leave, now.

**Mr. McIlraith (for Mr. Sharp)** moved the third reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

**CANADA ELECTIONS ACT****REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF  
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ELECTION  
EXPENSES**

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (for Miss LaMarsh)** moved:

That the report of the committee on election expenses tabled October 11 last be referred to the standing committee on privileges and elections.

Motion agreed to.