

MONDAY, May 31, 1954.

The Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines met at 2.30 o'clock p.m. this day. Mr. H. B. McCulloch, Chairman, presided.

*Members present:* Messrs, Bell, Carter, Cavers, Deschatelets, Dumas, Gagnon, Gourd (*Chapleau*), Green, Habel, Hodgson, Hosking, Lafontaine, Langlois, (*Gaspé*), McIvor, Nicholson, Purdy, Viau, Winch and Wood.

*In attendance:* Mr. R. K. Smith, Q.C., Chairman, Mr. M. A. Archer, Vice-Chairman, Mr. John F. Finlay, Legal Adviser, all of National Harbours Board, and Mr. Jean Brisset, Q.C., representing the Shipping Federation of Canada and the Vancouver Chamber of Shipping.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill No. 421 (Letter I-13 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act to amend the National Harbours Board Act".

On motion of Mr. Langlois (*Gaspé*).

*Ordered,*—That the Committee print 500 copies in English and 200 copies in French of the minutes of proceedings and evidence adduced in respect of Bill No. 421.

Clause 1 was called and after discussion Mr. Winch moved,

That Clause 1, subclause 1 where it relates to the proposed new paragraph (*ea*) to Section 2 of the existing Act, be amended by adding after the word "charterer" in the second line thereof the words *by demise*.

At 3.05 o'clock p.m., the division bells having rung, the Committee proceeded to the House.

At 3.20 o'clock p.m., a quorum having again assembled, the Committee resumed consideration of Clause 1 and the amendment thereto by Mr. Winch.

*Members present:* Messrs. Bell, Campbell, Carter, Cavers, Deschatelets, Decore, Dumas, Gauthier (*Lac St. Jean*), Gourd (*Chapleau*), Green, Habel, Harrison, Hodgson, Hosking, Lafontaine, Langlois (*Gaspe*), McIvor, Nicholson, Purdy, Winch and Wood.

Messrs. Brisset and Finlay were recalled and further examined on the proposed amendment to Clause 1.

At 4.20 o'clock p.m., the division bells having rung, the Committee proceeded to the House.

At 4.40 o'clock p.m., a quorum having again assembled, the Committee continued with the consideration of Clause 1 and the amendment thereto by Mr. Winch.

*Members present:* Messrs. Bell, Campbell, Carter, Cavers, Deschatelets, Dumas, Gauthier (*Lac St. Jean*), Gourd (*Chapleau*), Green, Habel, Hodgson, Hosking, Howe (*Wellington-Huron*), Lafontaine, Langlois (*Gaspe*), McIvor, Nicholson, Purdy and Winch.

The question on Mr. Winch's amendment, having been proposed, was agreed to.

Thereupon Mr. Green moved,

That Clause 1, subclause 1, where it relates to the proposed new paragraph (*ea*) to Section 2 of the existing Act be amended by deleting the word "agent" in the first line thereof.