

Government Employees Compensation Act trade. The combines investigation commission has been giving particular attention in its inquiries to restrictive arrangements based on patents. Recent actions have been taken in the exchequer court, instituted by the Attorney General of Canada, to impeach patents which formed the basis of restrictive agreements. Several of these patents have already been declared invalid.

2. The establishment of official government records which would show from time to time any significant change in the degree of financial control which corporations outside Canada exercise over individual domestic companies.

Information with respect to this matter is being compiled by the dominion bureau of statistics which, from time to time, publishes the results of its studies in this field. A comprehensive report was published in 1949.

3. More adequate provision for the initiation of inquiries by the combines investigation commission into restraints of trade and unfair trade practices.

Amendments made to the Combines Investigation Act in 1946 empowered the commissioner to receive and inquire into complaints respecting practices alleged to be offences under the act or under sections 498 and 498A of the Criminal Code. Provision was also made in the 1946 amendments to restore the power of the commissioner to initiate inquiries under section 12 of the act.

4. The building up of an effective organization under the Combines Investigation Act supported by sufficient appropriations.

The staff of the commission has been built up from an average of eight in 1945 to thirty-two in 1949. Appropriations have increased from \$61,000 in the fiscal year 1945-46 to \$170,683 in the fiscal year 1948-49. Further increase is made in the estimates for the current year.

5. Support should be given by the government of Canada to the establishment of an international office to deal with international cartels.

Canada participated in the United Nations conferences on trade and employment which resulted in the Havana charter for an international trade organization. This charter, which has been submitted for ratification to the participating countries, contains provisions for dealing with restrictive business practices by cartels.

*NEWFOUNDLAND—PHYSICAL FITNESS ACT

Mr. Higgins:

Has Newfoundland made application to be included within the provisions of the Physical Fitness Act?

[Mr. Garson.]

Mr. Martin: No formal application has been received, but discussions are taking place with the province of Newfoundland.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

INCOME TAXES AND SUBSIDIES—SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. Argue:

1. What was the total amount of (a) income taxes; (b) corporation taxes, collected from Saskatchewan individuals or corporations in the fiscal year 1948-49?

2. What other sums in the form of taxes, levies, or deductions were collected from individuals or corporations in Saskatchewan in 1948-49, and what was the amount of each?

3. What was the amount of each grant or subsidy paid to the Saskatchewan government in 1948-49?

DOMINION LANDS ACT

APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS Tabled SEPTEMBER 16, 1949

Hon. Colin Gibson (Minister of Mines and Ressources) moved:

That regulations made by the governor in council under authority of the Dominion Lands Act, chapter 113, R.S. 1927, which were published in the *Canada Gazette* on the 21st day of May, 1949, and the 23rd day of July, 1949, in accordance with the provisions of section 75 thereof and which were laid on the table on the 16th day of September, 1949, be approved.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the Dominion Lands Act requires that regulations made pursuant to the provisions of the act be tabled in the house, and that they be published in the *Canada Gazette*. They must also be approved by resolution of both houses of parliament, otherwise they expire at the end of the session. The regulations placed on the table are not new; they are a consolidation of regulations which had previously been approved by parliament.

Motion agreed to.

At one o'clock the house took recess.

The house resumed at three o'clock.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.E.I. ACT

Hon. Lionel Chevrier (Minister of Transport) moved the second reading of Bill No. 220, to amend the Government Employees Compensation Act, 1947.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Beaudoin in the chair.