

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

MONDAY, November 26, 1945.

The house met at three o'clock.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fifth report of special committee on veterans affairs.—Mr. Tucker.

MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS—CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT

Mr. RALPH MAYBANK (Winnipeg South Centre) presented the first report of the standing committee on miscellaneous private bills, and moved that the report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Bill No. 174 (from the senate), to incorporate Canadian Slovak Benefit Society.—Mr. Maybank.

Bill No. 175 (from the Senate), to incorporate Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.—Mr. Maybank.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

DEFENCE RESEARCH—ATOMIC ENERGY

Mr. BRUCE:

1. Has the government made any plans for research and development to be maintained regarding defence?

2. If so, what are these plans?

3. What is the total amount of money which will be spent, (a) on research and development during the coming year; (b) how much is being allocated to the atomic energy project?

4. Are the facilities at Research Enterprises for carrying on research being continued?

5. If so, to what extent?

Mr. McILRAITH:

1. Yes.

2. Following the deliberations of the war committee of the cabinet a committee on research for defence was formed August 9, 1945 composed of the following:

Chairman, Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Reconstruction and Supply; C. A. S. Air Marshal R. Leckie; A. M. R. D. Air Commodore A. L. James; C. N. S. Vice Admiral G. C. Jones; C. G. S. Lieut. Gen. G. Foulkes; M. G. O. Major Gen. J. H. McQueen; R. D. Harkness, Gen. Manager, Northern Electric Company; Dr. C. J. Mackenzie, President, National Research Council; C. A. R. D. E. Dr. D. Rose, Supt. (Can. Army Research Development); Doctor C. H. Best, Banting and Best Institute, University of Toronto; Wing-Commander A. M. Cameron, Secretary, Privy Council, Secretary.

Also, a representative of the Scientific Research Section of the Navy to be appointed.

Also, coordinator of Production, Reconstruction and supply.

The terms of reference of this committee are in part:

To act as the government's principal advisors and referees on broad questions of research policy in collaboration with industry and with the scientific institutes and with bodies representative of other governments.

To review and to suggest measures for the co-ordination of the activities of the various government agencies engaged in research for the need of optimum use of resources available.

3. Inasmuch as the need for secrecy is obviously apparent, it is considered that it is not in the public interest to reply to this question.

4. Answered by the Minister page 2363 of *Hansard*, November 21, 1945.

5. Answered by No 4.

STEVENSON AIR FIELD, WINNIPEG

Mr. KNOWLES:

1. Have any plans been made for enlarging the airport at Stevenson Field, Winnipeg, by successive stages?

2. If so, what are the various stages contemplated?

3. Has an estimate been prepared as to the cost of the same?

4. When will work commence on the first of these stages?

Mr. McILRAITH:

In so far as the Department of Transport is concerned: