

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 15, 1951

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

POST OFFICE

PRIVILEGE, MR. MCLURE—OMISSION OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FROM MAP PUBLISHED IN ADVERTISEMENT

Mr. W. Chester S. McLure (Queens): On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I hold in my hand a copy of the *New Liberty* magazine for October, 1951. On page 69 I notice that the Canada Post Office has a large advertisement over the name of the Hon. G. E. Rinfret, K.C., M.P., which is captioned "Building Canada by Making Her Smaller".

The objection I take to this advertisement is that the cradle of confederation, Prince Edward Island, has been left off the map of Canada. Even if the Post Office Department does not recognize Prince Edward Island as a separate postal district, as it should under the agreement of 1873, the Post Office Department has no right to get rid of Prince Edward Island by leaving it off the map. I hope that the Postmaster General (Mr. Rinfret) will correct this and not allow any more of these advertisements to be published.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE—QUESTION AS TO PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES ACT

Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Labour): Yesterday the hon. member for York South (Mr. Noseworthy) asked me the following questions:

Are the employees of the national employment service in Ontario protected by the Ontario Fair Employment Practices Act, as are other employees in that province? If not, will the minister explain why not?

The answer to the first question is no. The answer to the second question is that the employees of the national employment service are federal civil servants employed through the Civil Service Commission of Canada in the manner provided by law. Provincial legislation of this nature is not applicable to them.

RAILWAY LEGISLATION

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. W. G. Weir (Portage-Neepawa) moved:

That the name of Mr. Whiteside be substituted for that of Mr. Stewart (Yorkton) on the special committee on railway legislation.

Motion agreed to.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 31

Mr. J. W. Noseworthy (York South): I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton South (Mr. Gillis), to move the adjournment of the house under standing order 31 for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the critical unemployment situation in the industrial areas of Ontario, particularly in Toronto and district, now authentically reported to be worse than it was even before the outbreak of hostilities in Korea. If Your Honour will permit me to debate that question, I may say that I have the figures to substantiate my claim.

Mr. Sinnott: Has that anything to do with the Ontario election?

Mr. Fraser: That is entirely a federal matter.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for York South (Mr. Noseworthy) moves, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton South (Mr. Gillis), the adjournment of the house under standing order 31 to discuss a matter of urgent public importance. Under this standing order it is provided:

The member desiring to make such a motion rises in his place, asks leave to move the adjournment of the house for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, and states the matter.

The hon. member has done that. The motion must be made after the ordinary daily routine of business has been concluded and before notices of motions or orders of the day are entered upon. Accordingly, the motion has been made at the correct time. The rule goes on to say:

He then hands a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed to Mr. Speaker, who, if he thinks it in order and of urgent public importance, reads it out . . .