

*Inquiries of the Ministry***CRIMINAL CODE**AMENDMENT OF PROVISIONS RESPECTING
PEACEFUL PICKETING

Mr. Thomas R. Berger (Vancouver-Burrard): moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-89, to amend the Criminal Code.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Berger: Mr. Speaker, this is a bill to amend the Criminal Code to prevent the section which relates to unlawful assembly, section 64, being used to curb peaceful picketing. Subsection 3 of section 64 provides an exception in the case of persons assembled for the purpose of protecting a dwelling house. This bill provides another exception in the case of persons assembled for the purpose of peaceful picketing.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

BELLE RIVER, ONT.—NEW DENVER, B.C.—REQUESTS
FOR POST OFFICE CONSTRUCTION

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Martin (Essex East): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if under the circumstances you will be generous toward me. I should like to ask a question of the Minister of Public Works, but before doing so may I express to him personally what I think will be widely shared in this house, and that is deep regret, apart from political considerations, that he is about to leave us.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): Now, having said that, perhaps the hon. gentleman would know there might be a rider attached to my generous treatment of him this morning. Would he be good enough to look into my request that there be built at Belle River the post office I have been asking of him for some time?

Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Public Works): Naturally, Mr. Speaker, I thank my old friend of many years in this house for his very generous personal references to myself, and I appreciate the indication on the part of hon. members, all of whom I regard as my friends, that they share that feeling.

As to the other part of the message from the hon. member for Essex East, I shall do my best with the utmost of good will, but of course I cannot be certain I will be able to accommodate him.

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker, and I want to join with the hon. member

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for Essex East in expressing the regrets of members of this group on the minister leaving, and, I am sure, the good will of the house toward the minister. Does the minister think it would assist in laying the foundations for a new political career to arrange for the building of a post office in New Denver in the Kootenays?

Mr. Fulton: I appreciate this expression of sentiment also. I might have thought, however, that the hon. gentleman might be more practically interested in the foundations of the post office rather than in the foundations of my political career which may, on occasion, bring me into conflict with some of the hon. gentleman's own friends; but I shall look carefully into the question of the foundations for the post office.

DEFENCE PRODUCTION

INQUIRY AS TO PRODUCTION SHARING
ARRANGEMENTS WITH U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity): I wish to address a question to the Minister of Defence Production. Is the minister apprehensive about the future of production sharing arrangements with the United States in view of Canada's present position of military unpreparedness?

Hon. Raymond O'Hurley (Minister of Defence Production): If the hon. member for Trinity would look at the results of production sharing he would not ask that question, because the result is something he never thought of.

Mr. Hellyer: As a supplementary question, does the minister expect that Canada will receive as great a volume of United States production orders in the next 12 months as in the past year?

Mr. O'Hurley: Mr. Speaker, I never was a prophet.

INQUIRY FOR RETURN

LUMBER EXPORTS TO U.S.

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Arthur Laing (Vancouver South): I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It relates to information which I sought in respect to correspondence between the government of Canada and that of the United States with regard to lumber shipments, which was promised to me some five weeks ago subject only to the agreement of the United States government. When may I expect the information?