

Mr. Abbott, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Statement respecting revision of salary ranges for certain classes in the Civil Service of Canada including Messengers, Elevator Operators, Caretakers, Watchmen, Cleaners, Packers, Hospital Orderlies and Canal and Air Force employees, and Employment and Claims Officers of the Unemployment Insurance Commission and a number of other smaller classes; and also indicating policy with respect to cost of living bonus for superannuated civil servants.

Mr. McCann, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Annual Report of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1947. (English and French editions).

He also presented,—Return to an Order of the House of December 18, 1947, for a Return showing:—1. Under what authority was a resident of Canada permitted to bring from the United States of America \$100 worth of goods duty free after a stay of 48 hours?

2. How often could a resident of Canada take advantage of this regulation?

3. Is this regulation still in effect?

4. If not, under what authority has it been discontinued?

5. If so, what is its effect under the present program of the Minister of Finance?

Mr. Coté (*Verdun*), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Annual Report of the Department of Labour for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1947.

He also laid before the House,—Copy of Order in Council passed under the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940, as follows:—

Order in Council P.C. 5200, approved December 18, 1947; in English and in French, being a regulation which prescribes the areas in which and the day upon which, contributions shall become payable in respect of employment to which the provisions of The Unemployment Insurance Act, 1940, were extended by Order in Council P.C. 4854, dated December 3, 1947, raising the ceiling of insurability from \$2,400 per year to \$3,120.

Also,—Copy of Order in Council P.C. 5051, approved December 8, 1947: establishing conditions for the payment of Unemployment Insurance Benefits to inland seamen in the off-season period. (French edition).

Also,—Sixth Annual Report of the Unemployment Insurance Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1947. (French Edition).

And also,—Report of the Director of Training (Vocational) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1947. (French Edition).

Mr. Bracken, from his place in the House, asked leave under Standing Order 31 to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, and stated the subject to be:—

“The sudden and unprecedented rise in the cost of living.”

Mr. Speaker ruled the proposed motion out of order on the ground that ample opportunity will be given the House to discuss the rise in the cost of living when the Debate on the Address takes place later this week.