

Manpower and Immigration Council

with remoteness of control, or closeness of control—it depends on how you look at it. It must not be forgotten that the council is being created in this chamber, and it is in this chamber that the money for its operations as well as other government operations is authorized. I hope the minister shows his wisdom and changes his mind. I hope he will adopt something similar to the first part of the Economic Council of Canada Act which deals with how that body is to report to parliament.

In referring to specific examples of parliamentary creations in the past and their relations with parliament, we must remember that under the Prime Minister of this country there are the Economic Council of Canada, the Science Council of Canada and the Company of Young Canadians. All those creations of parliament report directly and independently to this house.

I am about to refer to the 1966 Canada Year Book and to a list of government agencies or bodies set up by legislation found therein. I have made no deletions from that list. There have been some organizational changes and some bodies that reported to one minister or came under one department now come under another minister or department. I may say that to present my argument most conveniently I am following the 1966 year book.

● (5:40 p.m.)

First, under the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Greene) we have the Agricultural Products Board, the Agricultural Stabilization Board, the Board of Grain Commissioners and the Farm Credit Corporation, all of which issue separate reports to the House of Commons. In one or two cases they address their reports to the minister but the minister tables them in parliament.

Under the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Pepin) we have the International Boundary Commission, the Atomic Energy Control Board, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, the Dominion Coal Board, Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited, Eldorado Aviation Limited and the National Energy Board, all reporting to parliament.

Mr. Marchand: Does the hon. member recognize that all these boards have executive powers?

Mr. McCleave: If I read the whole list I believe the minister will realize that not all these statutory bodies are in that category.

The Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names reports to the same minister and its work comes before us in the minister's own report rather than as a separate report. The work of the Board of Examiners for Dominion Land Surveyors is described in the minister's annual report. We are told that in 1964 the board tested 44 would-be land surveyors, only 11 of whom passed. I noticed this information in the report of the department of mines and technical surveys for 1964. The Canadian Council of Resource Ministers issues a separate report to parliament.

Under the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Martin) the External Aid Office issues a separate report to parliament. The International Joint Commission, Canadian section, reports to the minister.

Next I turn to the Minister of Finance and Receiver General of Canada (Mr. Sharp). The Royal Canadian Mint, the Bank of Canada, the Industrial Development Bank, the Canadian Wheat Board, the Department of Insurance, the Municipal Development and Loan Board, all issue separate reports to parliament. The Tariff Board reports both through the minister and by the issuance of separate reports, and the Inspector General of Banks is required to report under certain sections of the Bank Act. These are separate reports to parliament.

Under the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Robichaud), the Fisheries Prices Support Board and the Fisheries Research Board of Canada issue separate reports. The International Fisheries Commission reports to the minister.

Under the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development (Mr. Sauvé) the Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board makes a separate report.

I turn now to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Laing). The Commissioner of the Northwest Territories, the Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, the Northern Canada Power Commission and Northern Transportation Co. Ltd. each make separate reports. The National Battlefields Commission lays its budget separately before parliament. Only the Historic Sites and Monument Board is included in the minister's report.

In the department of the Minister of Industry and Defence Production (Mr. Drury) the Canadian Government Printing Bureau, Canadian Arsenal Limited, Canadian Commercial Corporation, Crown Assets Disposal Corporation, Polymer Corporation Limited,