

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, March 2, 1944

The house met at three o'clock.

WAR EXPENDITURES

CHANGE IN PERSONNEL OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING
(Prime Minister) moved:

That the name of Mr. Factor be substituted for that of Mr. Gladstone on the war expenditures committee.

Motion agreed to.

IMMIGRATION

PETITION FROM "LA SOCIÉTÉ SAINT-JEAN BAPTISTE DE QUÉBEC" PROTESTING AGAINST ANY IMMIGRATION

On the order for motions:

Mr. WILFRID LaCROIX (Quebec-Montmorency) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, I wish to submit to the House of Commons a petition from the "Société Saint-Jean Baptiste de Québec", bearing a total of 162,889 signatures and directed to the honourable members of the House of Commons in parliament assembled. The said petition strongly protests against any immigration, demands that the strict enforcement of immigration bans be continued, opposes the issuing of special or discretionary permits for admission into this country, and lastly, urges the Canadian government to take whatever action may be necessary with a view to preventing any immigration into this country.

Here is one set of petitions from the city of Quebec, bearing 42,421 signatures; one from the county of Kamouraska with 9,006 signatures; one from the county of Montmagny with 7,049 signatures; one from the county of Megantic with 9,147 signatures; one from the county of L'Islet with 7,654 signatures; one from the county of Quebec with 11,084 signatures; one from the county of Beauce with 18,976 signatures; one from the county of Montmorency with 4,279 signatures; one from the county of Dorchester with 9,282 signatures; one from the county

of Lotbinière with 6,190 signatures; one from the county of Lévis with 11,555 signatures; one from the county of Portneuf with 11,410 signatures; one from the county of Rivière du Loup with 5,141 signatures; one from the county represented by the genial member for Bellechasse (Mr. Picard) with 7,168 signatures, and many others.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT

INMATES OF INSTITUTIONS FOR THE POOR

Mr. ROBERT FAIR (Battle River) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 8, to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1938.

He said: Paragraph (k) subsection 2 of section 14 of the Dominion Elections Act, 1938, reads as follows:

(k) in any province, every person who is an inmate of an institution which is maintained by any government or municipality for the housing and maintenance of the poor, if such person is by the law of that province disqualified from voting at an election of a member of the legislative assembly of that province, and did not serve in the military, naval or air forces of Canada in the war of 1914-1918.

I contend that this disqualification should not be in the elections act of any democratic country, and the purpose of this bill is to have that particular clause removed before the next election.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

SHIPBUILDING—COSTS IN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATELY-OWNED PLANTS

Mr. FRASER (Peterborough West):

1. What are the names and addresses of the 14 major steel yards, as mentioned in *Votes and Proceedings*, Wednesday, 26th January, 1944, page 776, building ships in Canada?
2. What are the names and addresses of the five smaller steel yards, as mentioned in *Votes and Proceedings*, Wednesday, 26th January, 1944, page 776, building ships in Canada?
3. What are the names and addresses of the 62 shipyards building wooden ships in Canada, as mentioned in *Votes and Proceedings*, Wednesday, 26th January, 1944, page 776?