

THE SENATE

Wednesday, December 16, 1964

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

PRIVATE BILL

BANK OF BRITISH COLUMBIA—REPORT OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED

Hon. T. D'Arcy Leonard, for Hon. Salter A. Hayden, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the following report:

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce to which was referred the Bill S-20, intituled: "An Act to incorporate Bank of British Columbia", has in obedience to the order of reference of June 9, 1964, examined the said bill and now reports that in the opinion of your committee the preamble to the said bill has not been proved for the following reasons:

At the hearings before the committee, the Premier and other Ministers of the Government of the Province of British Columbia appeared in support of the bill and stated that, if the bill were passed, the government of that province would subscribe for up to 10 per cent of the shares to be issued by the bank; so far as your committee is aware, there is no precedent for the ownership by the government of a province of a substantial proportion of the shares of a chartered bank operating under the provisions of the Federal Bank Act; this could involve the effective control of a federal chartered bank by the government of a province, a situation which would raise important questions of public policy and of constitutional law; your committee is of the opinion that these are matters of general policy which should be determined by the Parliament of Canada in the forthcoming revision of the Bank Act, and that pending such determination this bill should not be proceeded with.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this report be taken into consideration?

Hon. Mr. Leonard moved that the report be placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PRONUNCIATION OF "NOËL" BY FRENCH ANNOUNCERS—INQUIRY ANSWERED

(Translation):

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot inquired of the Government pursuant to notice:

When will the Board of Directors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation give instructions to the French speakers and commentators to follow the example of their English compatriots and pronounce correctly the word "Noël"?

Hon. John J. Connolly: The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation informed me that according to universal French rules, recognized by every phonetist, the letter "o" in "Noël" is an open o as in expressions such as "col" or "poli". It is the pronunciation used by the announcers on the French networks of the C.B.C.

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: This is more than perfect.

(Text):

DIVORCE

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of Resolutions, numbered 616 to 653 inclusive, which were presented on Monday, December 14.

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolution 616, for the relief of Leonard Marchand, otherwise known as Leonard Mihalcean.

Resolution 617, for the relief of Marie Beatrice Denise Baillargeon Faucher.

Resolution 618, for the relief of Sato Jean-not Richard.

Resolution 619, for the relief of Miriam Dworkin Waddington.

Resolution 620, for the relief of Ian Park Grant-Whyte.

Resolution 621, for the relief of Marie Racine Lizotte.

Resolution 622, for the relief of Gerald Louis Demers.

Resolution 623, for the relief of Liliane Robillard Panichella.

Resolution 624, for the relief of Abbey (Abe) (Abba) Cohen.

Resolution 625, for the relief of Irene De Caen Turcotte.

Resolution 626, for the relief of Alfred Elliott.