

Family Allowances Act

STE. ANNE DU LAC WHARF—PAYROLLS AND STATEMENT OF MATERIALS

Mr. Courtemanche:

For a copy of the payrolls and a statement of materials purchased for the work done to the wharf at Ste. Anne du Lac, county of Labelle, from June, 1949, to November, 1952.

OIL—EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION, NORMAN WELLS

Mr. Wright:

For a copy of agreements entered into by the government of Canada and the Imperial Oil Company regarding exploration for oil or unit operation and production of oil in the vicinity of Norman Wells.

4. Of the 62,394 disability pensions in payment as at December 31, 1952 in respect of veterans of the first world war, 53,651 were payable in Canada; 5,277 were payable in the U.S.A.; and 3,466 were payable in other countries.

LETTER CARRIER SERVICE, SOUTH PEEL, ONT.

Mr. Graydon:

1. What progress has been made by the Postmaster General's department in providing letter carrier service for the citizens of Port Credit, Lakeview and other sections of South Peel?

2. When will door-to-door delivery commence?

3. What steps will be taken to ensure that every residence in each of the said areas will be provided with this service?

Mr. Langlois (Gaspe):

1. All necessary preliminary arrangements have been made.

2. Service will be established as soon as possible after 90 per cent of the residences and business places have been equipped with suitable mail receptacles.

3. All residences falling within the scope of letter carrier delivery requirements and conforming to conditions set forth in paragraph 2 will receive delivery when service is established in the area.

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT BOARD—PURCHASE OF LAND

Mr. Shaw:

1. Under what date did the soldier settlement board of Canada acquire, by purchase, certain lands situated in township 44, range 25, west of the 5th meridian?

2. From whom was the above land purchased by the soldier settlement board?

3. Were mines and minerals on the said lands acquired by the soldier settlement board at the time of the land purchase?

4. Are such mines and minerals now held in the name of any department of the federal government?

5. Has consideration been given to the transferring of the mineral rights to those veterans who purchased land in township 44, range 25, from the soldier settlement board?

He said: Mr. Speaker, since there is an error in the first part of this question, may I ask that a change be made as follows: "west of the fifth meridian" should read "west of the fourth meridian".

Mr. Mutch: Subject to that correction, I should like the question to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Stand.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

STE. ANNE DU LAC WHARF—PAY CHEQUES

Mr. Courtemanche:

For a copy of the original pay cheques in connection with construction or repair work to the wharf at Ste. Anne du Lac, county of Labelle, between June, 1949, and November, 1952.

FAMILY ALLOWANCES ACT

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE AMOUNTS PAID TO COMPENSATE FOR INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING

Mr. H. R. Argue (Assiniboia) moved:

That, in the opinion of this house, the government should give consideration to the advisability of introducing legislation increasing the amounts paid under the Family Allowances Act to the extent necessary to compensate for the increase in the cost of living since the said act was first enacted.

He said: Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure this afternoon again to have an opportunity to move a resolution similar to the one I moved at the last session of parliament, asking that family allowances be increased to an extent necessary to compensate for the increase in the cost of living since August 1944, when the Family Allowances Act was first passed.

I believe it is in the interest of Canada both at this time and in future years to see increased family allowances, and in this way help to provide better food, better clothing, better educational opportunities and better medical care for growing Canadian children.

I would hope that in the discussion of this resolution the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Martin) will not do as the Minister of Finance (Mr. Abbott) did a week ago in discussing a resolution offered by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) wherein the hon. member asked that all medical expenses be allowed as a deduction from income tax, upon which occasion the Minister of Finance adjourned the debate, thus providing the guillotine, so far as the discussion of that resolution was concerned.

I hope we have a fair discussion of the resolution now before the house. I hope, too, that members supporting the government will allow a vote to be taken, and will not talk the resolution out, so that by having a