

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

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Saturday, August 10, 1946

The house met at eleven o'clock.

PRIVATE BILL

WORKERS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Mr. RALPH MAYBANK (Winnipeg South Centre) moved the first reading of bill No. 374 (from the senate), respecting Workers Benevolent Association of Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

TIMBER CONTROL

RESIGNATION OF CONTROLLER—APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. C. GREEN (Vancouver South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply. Press dispatches from Vancouver this morning indicate that there is to be some change in the timber control. Could the minister make a statement on that?

Right Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply): Mr. Speaker, the report has just been called to my attention. It is a fact that Mr. David Rosenberry, who has been associated with timber control for the past six years, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on August 15. He has been suffering from overwork for some time and felt that he must be relieved so that he could take a prolonged holiday before returning to his private business. Consideration is being given to his successor, and the most suitable man seems to be the present coordinator of housing, Mr. Terrence Flahiff. It is the present intention to recommend Mr. Flahiff to succeed Mr. Rosenberry.

FREE PORTS

INQUIRY WITH RESPECT TO PORT OF QUEBEC—
REPORT OF INTERDEPARTMENTAL
COMMITTEE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. GORDON B. ISNOR (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I should like to inquire from the Minister of Transport whether a promise has

been made to the port of Quebec or to any representative of that port regarding the establishment of a free port at Quebec?

Hon. LIONEL CHEVRIER (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I gave no promise to anyone that legislation would be enacted concerning free ports. The delegation which waited on several ministers of the crown was told that legislation would depend on the report of the interdepartmental committee, and then again upon whether the committee recommended in favour of or against the establishment of free ports. The delegation was assured, however, that every effort would be made by the interdepartmental committee to expedite the conclusion of its report.

PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

HANDLING OF RATION COUPONS BY BANKS—
BANQUE PROVINCIALE DU CANADA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. G. DIEFENBAKER (Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of Justice give the house a report on the present condition of affairs with regard to the proceedings being taken in connection with coupon revelations affecting Banque Provinciale du Canada, on which he recently made a report? Perhaps the parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Finance will indicate also whether the licence of the bank has been renewed.

Right Hon. L. S. ST. LAURENT (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, just before I came into the house I communicated with the deputy minister of justice and the chief enforcement officer of the wartime prices and trade board, and was informed that there have been no developments concerning any employee of the bank since I answered the hon. gentleman's question a week ago.

LABOUR CONDITIONS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA REGIONAL
WAR LABOUR BOARD AS TO WAGE INCREASES
ABOVE 10 CENTS AN HOUR

On the orders of the day:

Mr. ANGUS MacINNIS (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Labour, based on an item