

THE SENATE

Tuesday, August 5, 1958

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Hon. W. M. Aseltine: Honourable senators, I beg to lay on the Table the following documents:

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Nova Scotia Power Commission, dated March 26, 1957. (English text).

The *Canada Gazette*, Part II, Statutory Orders and Regulations, 1958, of Wednesday, July 23, 1958, pursuant to section 7 of the Regulations Act, Chapter 235, R.S. (English and French texts).

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan, made July 25, 1958, concerning the South Saskatchewan River Project. (English text).

PRIVATE BILL

WESTCOAST TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED
—FIRST READING

Hon. William R. Brunt presented Bill S-16, respecting Westcoast Transmission Company Limited.

He said: Honourable senators, the bill is a very simple one. The company desires the right to change the number of persons who shall compose the board of directors, and they desire to have the further right to set up an executive committee which will be composed of part of the directorate of the company. On second reading I can give a full explanation.

Bill read first time.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Brunt: Thursday next.

DIVORCE

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

Hon. Arthur W. Roebuck, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented the committee's reports Nos. 281 to 293.

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

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: Honourable senators, it has been the practice for a number of years, as we approach the close of the session, to expedite passage of Divorce Committee reports in order that the bills resulting therefrom may be sent as soon as possible to the House of Commons for consideration, and so that as few as possible may die on the

Order Paper. I think that stage of the present session has now been reached; and therefore, on behalf of the Divorce Committee, I would ask that these reports be considered now.

Hon. Mr. Aseltine: Agreed.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: I think the honourable gentleman is rather optimistic in thinking we are near the close of the session.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: I may be.

I now move, with leave, that these reports be adopted.

Motion agreed to.

DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Jean-François Pouliot: Honourable senators, I beg leave to give the following notice of inquiry:

(1) Referring to Appendix "B" of the Senate *Hansard* of June 24 ult., who were the representatives named by the Ministers of National Defence, the Ministers of Labour, the Ministers of Public Works, the Ministers of Trade and Commerce, the Secretaries of State for External Affairs, the Ministers of Finance and the Canadian Historical Association?

(2) How much was paid to each one?

(3) Did the following departments: the Prime Minister's Office, Veterans Affairs, Transport, the Solicitor General of Canada, Justice, National Revenue, Agriculture, Citizenship and Immigration, Fisheries, Post Office, Mines and Technical Surveys, National Health and Welfare, Northern Affairs and National Resources, and Defence Production have any representatives on the Public Records Committee since 1945?

(4) If so, who were they? If not, who were the acting representatives for the said departments?

(5) Since September 20, 1945, what quantity of official documents from each department has been incinerated or sold to the junk man?

I could ask a sixth question, as follows:

How many sheets of paper would there be in a cubic foot of stationery?

The reason why I ask that question is that in the answer that was given on June 24 in reply to my inquiry regarding the destruction of documents there was a statement of the number of cubic feet of paper destroyed.

CENTRAL MORTGAGE BANK

NOTICE OF INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. Pouliot: I have a second notice of inquiry, as follows:

(1) After the Central Mortgage Bank Bill had passed all stages at the session of 1939, were the Central Mortgage Bank directors named and, if so, on what date?

(2) Did the said act go into effect, and if not, why?

My information, which is not definite, is that directors were appointed but they could not take up their duties because the act was not put into effect.