

Motions for Papers

Mr. Nowlan: This is acceptable subject to the usual reservations about communications between departments and confidential letters, consent to whose publication will have to be received.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations expressed by the minister, does the house agree to the passing of this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

PENITENTIARIES REPORT BY STEVENSON
AND KELLOGG LTD.

Motion No. 57—Mr. Matheson:

That an order of the house do issue for a copy of the report of Stevenson and Kellogg Limited relating to the study conducted of Canadian penitentiaries.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): No such report has been received. I suggest, therefore, that the hon. member withdraw his motion.

Mr. Speaker: In the light of what has been said by the minister, does the hon. member withdraw his motion?

Mr. Matheson: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

MANITOBA—CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING
PLIGHT OF INDIANS

Motion No. 58—Mr. Matheson:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of all correspondence to the government since December 31, 1961 relating to the plight of Indians from The Pas, Moose Lake, Norway House, Cross Lake, Island Lake, Red Sucker Lake, God's Lake, Oxford House, Shamattawa, Split Lake, Nelson House, South Indian Lake, Pukatawagan, and Brocket.

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Mr. Speaker, the generality of this motion would sweep in very many letters dealing with education, treaty rights and other matters with which I am sure the hon. gentleman has no immediate interest. If it is understood, as the hon. gentleman has indicated to me privately, that what he is seeking is correspondence relating to economic and social conditions and economic development generally in the areas designated, I have no objection to the motion, subject to the customary reservation dealing with intradepartmental and interdepartmental correspondence and the consent of the government of Manitoba.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservation indicated by the minister, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

[Mr. Douglas.]

CORRESPONDENCE RESPECTING RADIO
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT

Motion No. 59—Mr. Cowan:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of all correspondence dated August 15, 1962 to December 1, 1962, between the government of Canada or any minister, department or agency thereof and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the Canadian National Railways, the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, respecting the contract for telecommunications for the approximately 195 radio stations, the previous ten year contract having been replaced by a new contract effective October 1, 1962.

Mr. Halpenny: Mr. Speaker, if this motion could stand for at least one week we would be agreeable.

Mr. Cowan: Stand.

Motion stands.

DOMINION-PROVINCIAL CORRESPONDENCE
RESPECTING PORTABILITY OF
PENSIONS

Motion No. 60—Mr. McNulty:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this house a copy of any correspondence since September 27, 1962, between the federal government and any provincial government concerning the introduction of legislation dealing with the question of the portability of pensions.

Mr. Monteith: Yes, Mr. Speaker, subject to receiving consent from the province.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the consent of the province concerned, is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

FINANCE

STEPS TO AVOID FINANCIAL AND EXCHANGE
CRISIS

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Walter L. Gordon (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address a question to the Minister of Finance. In view of the very large deficit on current account in our international payments for the first nine months of this year, now running at the rate of about \$1 billion for the full year, does the government propose to take any immediate action to avoid another financial and exchange crisis in Canada?

Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the government has taken several steps in this direction. My hon. friend was good enough to send me a note a moment ago, or I only received it a moment ago, but the same statement to which he refers states that we have achieved an export