

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 25, 1956

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

PROVISION FOR FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO COSTS IN PROVINCES

Hon. W. E. Harris (for the Minister of National Health and Welfare) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution, which has been recommended to the house by His Excellency:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for contributions by Canada, to be paid out of the consolidated revenue fund, in respect of unemployment assistance costs in the provinces.

Motion agreed to.

STARRED QUESTIONS

BANK HOLD-UP, COQUITLAM, B.C.

Question No. 47—Mr. Goode:

Have steps been taken by the government to give official recognition to R.C.M.P. corporal Johnstone and the officers and men of the Burnaby, Maillardville and Coquitlam detachments of the R.C.M.P., in British Columbia, for their bravery and attention to duty in thwarting an attempted hold-up at the Royal Bank of Canada, Coquitlam, British Columbia?

He said: Mr. Speaker, I understand that this matter is still under investigation and I ask that this question be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Question stands.

WAR VETERANS' ALLOWANCE

Question No. 49—Mr. Knowles:

1. Has the government, at any time since July 28, 1955, given consideration to proposing an amendment to the War Veterans Allowance Act so as to prevent the amount of the allowance drawn by a recipient thereof from being reduced by virtue of the receipt of the pension under the Old Age Security Act?

2. If so, what is the result of such consideration?

3. If not, is the matter now under consideration?

Hon. Hugues Lapointe (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, in answer to this question I wish to tell my hon. friend that the government always has under consideration all legislation pertaining to veterans' affairs.

As regards the particular amendment suggested by the hon. member in his question, as the hon. member knows, this matter has been discussed many times before this house on the estimates; it has been discussed before

various parliamentary committees on veterans' affairs and also on the special committee on estimates last year.

As recently as July 18, 1955, I made a statement on the subject, which appears on page 6333 of *Hansard*. This statement still reflects the thinking of the government on this matter.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

PRAIRIE FARM ASSISTANCE ACT, MANITOBA

Question No. 390—Mr. Bryce:

1. How much assistance was paid during the year 1954 under the Prairie Farm Assistance Act in Manitoba?

2. How was this assistance awarded, by municipalities, in Manitoba, for the year 1954?

3. What was the cost of administration of the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, in Manitoba, for the year 1954?

TURKEY IMPORTS

Question No. 411—Mr. Charlton:

1. What were the total imports of turkeys into Canada for the years 1953, 1954 and 1955, giving country of origin and value for duty purposes?

2. What are the grading regulations regarding imported turkeys sold in Canada?

3. What are the regulations regarding packaging of imported turkeys sold in Canada?

TURKEY IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, CANADA-U.S.

Question No. 417—Mr. Fleming:

1. What are the volume and value of turkey importations into Canada from the United States of America during each of the last five years?

2. What is the rate of tariff duty applied thereon by Canada?

3. What are the value and volume of turkey exports from Canada to the United States of America in each of the last five years?

4. What tariff duties are applied by the United States thereon?

WILSIL LIMITED, MONTREAL

Question No. 424—Mr. Knowles:

1. Has Wilsil Limited of Montreal had any contracts with the federal government or any department thereof at any time since January 1, 1954?

2. If so, with what department or departments, what is the nature of such contracts, and what are the amounts thereof in dollars?

3. Who are the directors of Wilsil Limited?

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

PIPE LINE CONSTRUCTION—FRANK MCMAHON

Motion No. 68—Mr. Diefenbaker:

For a copy of any memoranda taken or made since March 25, 1956, by the Minister of Trade and