

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, July 30, 1958

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

## COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Third report of standing committee on railways, air lines and shipping owned and controlled by the government.—Mr. Rowe.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—FIRST AND SECOND REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE—CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT

**Mr. Alan Macnaughton (Mount Royal)** presented the first and second reports of the standing committee on public accounts, and moved that the first report be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

## STARRED QUESTIONS

### CHINESE IMMIGRATION

*Question No. 32—Mr. Pickersgill:*

1. Have any changes been made in the regulations or the procedure for dealing with Chinese immigration applications since June 21, 1957?

2. If so, when were the changes made and what is their effect?

3. How many applications for the admission of Chinese were outstanding on June 21, 1957?

4. How many applications have been (a) accepted; (b) rejected since that date?

5. How many Chinese applications were outstanding at the latest available date?

**Hon. Ellen L. Fairclough (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the answers to this question are as follows:

The answer to part 1 is yes, a change has been made in the regulations. No change has been made in the procedure.

The answer to part 2 is by order in council P.C. 1957-1675 effective December 20, 1957, paragraph (d) of section 20 of the immigration regulations was revoked and the following substituted therefor:

a person who is a citizen of a country other than a country referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) or (c) or in section 21, if such person is the husband, the wife or the unmarried child under 21 years of age, the father where he is over 65 years of age, or the mother where she is over 60 years of age, of a Canadian citizen or of a person legally admitted to Canada for permanent residence who is residing in Canada and who has applied for and is in a position to receive and care for any such person, but no such child shall be landed in Canada unless his father or his mother, as the case may be, is landed in Canada concurrently with him.

This change enables persons who have been legally admitted to Canada for permanent residence and are residing in Canada to apply for their dependants.

The answer to part 3 is 122 as of June 30, 1957.

The answer to part 4 is 1,844 accepted, 73 rejected.

The answer to part 5 is 119 as of June 30, 1958.

### VICTORY BOND REPLACEMENTS

*Question No. 35—Mr. Benidickson:*

1. In dollar value what has been acceptance to date of the government's offer to replace all un-matured 3 per cent victory bonds?

2. What amounts, applied for conversion, are in the 4½ per cent, 4¼ per cent, 3¾ per cent and 3 per cent interest rate categories respectively?

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** I am very happy to report to the house in reply to the first part of the question that the volume of conversions yesterday passed the two and a half billion dollar mark. More than 40 per cent of all the outstanding victory bonds have now been converted.

The answer to question No. 2 is that the information is not available. The operation is so huge that it is not possible to collate, check and break down into these categories the information that is coming in from more than 5,000 reporting agencies now.

### CONVERSION LOAN—COMMISSION RATES

*Question No. 36—Mr. Benidickson:*

1. What compensation in commission rates or otherwise has the government agreed to pay agents or brokers handling the Canada conversion loan of 1958?

2. How does this commission rate compare with similar brokerage fees applicable to annual sale of savings bonds, during the last three years?

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (Minister of Finance):** The answer to the first question is that, on the 3 per cent bonds for three and one-quarter years, the commission is one-quarter of one per cent; on the seven year 3¾ per cent bonds, one-half of one per cent; on the 14 year 4¼ per cent bonds, three-quarters of one per cent, and on the 25 year 4½ per cent bonds, 1 per cent. The issuing fee on all maturities is one-quarter of one per cent.

**Mr. Benidickson:** The issuing fee is in addition?