No. 92

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF COMMONS

OF CANADA

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 17TH JUNE, 1947

PRAYERS.

Two petitions were laid on the Table.

Mr. Isnor, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

Your Committee held its first meeting on Monday, April 28, 1947, and this report covers the first eleven meetings, the last of which was held on Tuesday, May 27.

A steering committee, composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and Messrs. Burton, Fleming, Gibson (Comox-Alberni), Marshall and Stuart (Charlotte), was appointed to consider procedure and agenda, and its recommendations were approved by the main committee.

The first four meetings of the Committee were devoted to consideration of Bill No. 22, An Act to continue the Revised Regulations respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943). This Bill was reported to the House with amendments on May 6, 1947, and passed the House without further amendment on May 9.

The next seven meetings were devoted to a review of the general administration and liquidation of real property in British Columbia owned by Japanese evacuees. With a view to obtaining as complete a picture as possible of the Custodian's activities in this respect, the Committee heard evidence from the Hon. C. W. Gibson, Secretary of State and Custodian of Enemy Property, Dr. E. H. Coleman, C.M.G., K.C., Deputy Custodian, Mr. F. G. Shears, Director, Vancouver Office, and Mr. K. W. Wright, Counsel; from Mr. Gordon Murchison, Director, Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act; from Mrs. Hugh MacMillan, Secretary, and Mr. F. Andrew Brewin, Counsel, The Cooperative Committee on Japanese Canadians, and from Mr. George Tanaka, Chairman, Japanese Canadian Committee for Democracy.

During these meetings, your Committee's enquiry was confined to a study of the Custodian's administration of the property of persons of the Japanese race as it applies to the West Coast, and more particularly to the area, known as the protected area, extending north several hundred miles from the United States Boundary and inland to the Cascade Mountains, and including Vancouver Island, the Queen Charlotte Islands and the group of small islands known as the Gulf Islands. The affairs of approximately 22,000 Japanese were iinvolved, including the ownership of 1,700 parcels of real property as well as businesses, stock, equipment and houshold effects.

It is interesting to note that on December 10, 1941, three days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour that brought the United States into the war, the Custodian opened an office in Vancouver.

Evacuation of persons of the Japanese race from the protected area commenced in March, 1942, and continued until October of that year. In the period between December 7, 1941, and March 27, 1942, the date of Order in Council P.C. 1665 vesting control of their property in the Custodian many Japanese disposed of property at prices which were probably considerably below the market value. Immediately upon assuming control, the Custodian commenced a voluntary registration of all Japanese property, real and personal. A printed form (Form "J.P." a copy of which is appended) was mailed to every Japanese evacuee with the request that it be completed and returned to the Custodian.

Great difficulty was experienced by the Custodian in identifying the personal property, such as chattels and personal effects, of these 22,000 Japanese and, undoubtedly, some confusion resulted. The reasons for this confusion were explained in evidence to your Committee.

The procedure followed in respect to the listing of personal property and its transportation from owners' homes to storage and subsequent disposal was fully explained by the witnesses.

Some of the household effects and other chattels were advertised in the press and sold at public auction. From the evidence produced, there is no doubt that a certain amount of theft and vandalism took place both before control was vested in the Custodian and during the period of his administration.

Subsequent to the passage of the Order in Council establishing a protected area, two advisory committees were appointed: one under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Sidney Smith, associated with Alderman Charles Jones of Vancouver and a Japanese representative; the other under the chairmanship of the late Judge David Whiteside, assisted by Mayor Mott, of New Westminster, Mr. D. A. Mackenzie, Mr. Harold Menzies and a Japanese representative. The Japanese representatives on the two committees resigned on being evacuated. Every negotiation for the sale of real estate was considered and reported upon by the committee over which Judge Whiteside presided.

Most of the discussion in your Committee centred around the sale of 741 farm properties by the Custodian to the Director, The Veterans' Land Act for the sum of $836,250.

A summary of the cash which has been collected by the Custodian on behalf of Japanese evacuees, covering not only real estate but fishing vessels, fishing gear, cars and trucks, farm equipment, household effects and sundries, totals $5,373,317.64.

In view of the evidence adduced and in order that more information may be obtained as to the desirabiliy of adjusting any apparent discrimination or loss which may have resulted from the taking over or sale of property of any kind, your Committee recommends that a commission be appointed under the

provisions of the Inquiries Act to inquire into and report upon the claim of any person of the Japanese race now resident in Canada for alleged loss which resulted from the amount received by him being less than the fair market value of his property at time of sale or loss.

FORM "JP" FILE NO.....

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

Personal Information

Name .....
Home Address .....
Registration Number .....Sex.....Age.....
Occupation .....
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(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)
Employer .....
Married? .....
Name of Wife or Husband .....
Address of Wife or Husband .....
Names of Any Living Children .....
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Address of Children .....
Age of Children .....

Statement of All Real Property (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. Location and Description .....
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2. Buildings and Other Improvements .....
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3. Insurance (Give particulars; state where policies are) .....
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4. Taxes (Amount and where payable) .....
5. Encumbrances (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)
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6. Occupancy and Leases (If vacant so state) .....
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7. State Whereabouts of Title Documents .....
8. State if any Other Person Has any Interest .....
9. If Farm Land State Crops Sown .....

Statement of Real Property Occupied

1. Location and Description .....
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2. Landlord's Name and Address .....
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3. Particulars of Lease and Rent and Date to Which Paid .....
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4. State Whereabouts of Lease .....
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5. Sub-Tenants, If Any (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) ...
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6. If Farm Land, Particulars of Crops Sown .....
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Statement of Personal Property Owned:

1. Give Brief Description and State Location of Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Machinery, Stock in Trade and Personal Effects:
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2. Horses, Livestock and Other Animals, Poultry and Pets.....
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3. Give the Name and Address of Any Person Having Any Interest in, or Claim on Any Such Property .....
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4. Insurance Carried on Above Property .....
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5. Mortgages, Liens and Other Claims on Property in Possession of Others
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6. Moneys Owing to You (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) .....
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7. Bonds, Debentures, Shares, Stocks or Other Securities (State whereabouts)
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8. Bank Accounts .....
9. Life Insurance .....
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10. Interest in Any Estates or Trusts .....
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11. Safety Deposit Box .....

Liabilities:

1. Personal Debts .....
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2. Trade Debts .....
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I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this.....day of..... 1943.

(Signature).....
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Witness

For Departmental Use.....
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A copy of the minutes of proceedings and evidence to May 27 is appended.

(For Copy of Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, etc., accompanying said Report, see Appendix to the Journals, No. 8)

Mr. Ilsley, from the Special Joint Committee on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows:—

Your Committee requests that it be empowered to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time.

By leave of the House, on motion of Mr. Ilsley, the said Report was concurred in.

By leave of the House, Mr. Mackenzie King moved,—That on and after Wednesday, June 18, instant, until the end of the session, the House shall meet at 2 o'clock p.m. of each sitting day; and at 6 o'clock p.m. Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair until 7 o'clock, p.m., all notwithstanding any Standing Order or resolution of the House in relation thereto.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

Mr. Mackenzie, a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of the House of February 17, 1947, for a copy of all correspondence, contracts, agreements, memoranda and other documents in lieu of contracts entered into by the government or any department or agency of the government between January 1, 1943, and February 12, 1947, concerning Veterans' Homes and holdings in the Township of Sarnia, County of Lambton, and in the Roseland and Oliver farm areas, County of Essex. Also a copy of all time sheets and invoices in connection with the above.

Mr. Gibson (Hamilton West), a Member of the King's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Order of the House of May 14, 1947, for a Return showing:—1. What were the total costs incurred by the Federal Government during the 19th Parliament in connection with studying and planning a comprehensive social security program for Canada, including expenses incurred by the Committee on Social Security?

2. What have been the total expenses incurred during the 20th Parliament of Canada to date for studying and planning social security measures for Canada?

Mr. Abbott, by leave of the House, introduced a Bill, No. 337, An Act to amend The Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, 1932, and The Foreign Insurance Companies Act, 1932, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Howe for Mr. Glen, moved,—That the House do go into Committee of the Whole, at the next sitting of the House, to consider the following proposed Resolution:—

That it is expedient to present a bill to approve a certain Agreement between the Dominion of Canada and the Government of Alberta respecting the protection and conservation of the forests on The Eastern Slope of the Rocky Mountains and to provide for the payment out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of sums required for capital expenditures, payments to the province of moneys for formulated programs carried out by the province, salaries of officers and employees appointed under the Act and expenses incidental to the operation of the Act.

Whereupon, Mr. Howe, a Member of the King's Privy Council, informed the House, That His Excellency the Governor General, having been informed of the subject-matter of the said proposed Resolution, recommends it to the House.

Resolved, That the House do go into Committee of the Whole, at the next sitting of the House, to consider the said proposed Resolution.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting Industrial Relations and Investigation of Industrial Disputes.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to present a bill respecting Industrial Relations and Investigation of Industrial Disputes and to make provision therein for the payment out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the remuneration and expenses of the members of the Boards and Commissions and the officers, clerks and employees appointed or engaged by or under the authority of the Act.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Mitchell then, by leave of the House, presented a Bill No. 338, An Act to provide for the Investigation, Conciliation and Settlement of Industrial Disputes, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution to aomend the Old Age Pension Act.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Old Age Pensions Act which will enlarge the scope of the Act by providing increases in the pension payable and the income allowable to pensioners and by modifying certain of the eligibility requirements for pension.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Martin then, by leave of the House, introduced a Bill, No. 339, An Act to amend the Old Age Pensions Act, which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill No. 272, An Act to provide for Privileges and Immunities in respect of the United Nations and related International Organizations;

Mr. St. Laurent moved,—That the said Bill be now read the second time.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to, on division.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time, and referred to the *Standing Committee on External Affairs*.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution to establish a Corporation to be known as The Dominion Coal Board.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to present a bill to establish a Corporation to be known as The Dominion Coal Board to administer subventions or subsidies relating to coal voted by Parliament, to exercise and perform certain other powers, duties and functions.

Provision is made further for the advisory functions of the Board, for the employment of professional and technical advisers and assistants and their remuneration, and for all expenses of the Act to be paid out of moneys appropriated by Parliament for the purpose.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was reported, read the second time and concurred in.

Mr. Howe then, by leave of the House, presented a Bill No. 340, An Act to establish the Dominion Coal Board, which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading at the next sitting of the House.

The Bill No. 261, An Act to amend the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, 1939, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported with amendments, considered as amended, read the third time and passed.

The Bill No. 268 (Letter L-9 of the Senate), intituled: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Race Meetings)", was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment, and ordered for third reading at the next sitting of the House.

The Order being read for the House to resolve itself again into Committee of Supply;

Mr. Gardiner moved,—That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

The House accordingly resolved itself again into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolutions were adopted *(less amounts voted in Interim Supply)*:—

AGRICULTURE

MARKETING SERVICE

25	Dairy Products	$514,340 00
26	Subsidies for Cold Storage Warehouses under the Cold Storage Act, and Grants in the amounts detailed in the Estimates	777,599 00
27	Fruit, Vegetables and Maple Products and Honey, including Grant of $5,000 to Canadian Horticultural Council	785,000 00
28	Live Stock and Live Stock Products	795,199 00
29	Marketing of Agricultural Products, including temporary appointments that may be required to be made notwithstanding anything contained in the Civil Service Act, the amount available for such appointments not to exceed $15,000	25,000 00

SPECIAL

30	Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act and Water Storage	3,000,000 00
31	St. Mary River Dam Project	1,500,000 00
32	Prairie Farm Assistance Act Administration	300,000 00
33	To provide for assistance to encourage the improvement of cheese and cheese factories	1,700,000 00
34	To provide assistance for the replacement of maple production equipment	300,000 00
35	To Provide for Administrative Expenses, Agricultural Prices Support Act, 1944	60,000 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received and Committee of Supply to sit again at the next sitting of the House.

And it being after eleven o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker adjourned the House without question put, pursuant to Standing Order 7, it being then four minutes past eleven o'clock, p.m., until to-morrow, at two o'clock, p.m., pursuant to Special Order made this day.

GASPARD FAUTEUX,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Argue—On Thursday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. What was the amount of salary and expenses paid by the P.F.A.A. to Mr. J. D. Porter of Truax, Saskatchewan, during the month of May, 1947?
2. For what days was the above paid?
3. For what work and in what part of his district?

Mr. Bryce—On Thursday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. To what countries has Canada made sales of class 2 wheat?
2. What amounts were sold to each of these countries?

Mr. Archibald—On Thursday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. Has the warehouse, now being occupied by War Assets Corporation in Prince Rupert, been sold or leased?
2. If so, to whom?

Mr. Bryce—On Thursday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. To what countries has Canada made loans or made credits available for the purchase of Canadian goods and produce since January 31, 1947?
2. What are the amounts of such loans or credits?

Mr. Church—On Thursday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—What were the losses incurred by each of the Canadian insurance companies and chartered banks in investments in foreign common stocks between the two great wars.

Mr. Fraser—On Thursday next—INQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1. Have any employees of the National Film Board given talks to members of service clubs, or other organizations, in Canada during 1946 and 1947?
2. If so, what are the names of employees and organizations which they addressed?

*Mr. Moore**—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—For a copy of the agreement between the Manitoba Government and the Federal Government under which the Snow Lake Mining road is to be completed.

*Mr. Moore**—On Thursday next—ORDER OF THE HOUSE—For a copy of the agreement between the Alberta Government and the Federal Government under which the Grimshaw-Great-Slave-Lake road is to be completed.

Mr. Isnor—On Thursday next—That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented on June 17, be now concurred in.

MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES

Room	Committees	Hour
	Wednesday, June 18	
277	Radio Broadcasting	4.00 p.m.
	Thursday, June 19	
277	Radio Broadcasting	11.00 a.m.
268	Indian Act	4.00 p.m.
429	Dominion Elections Act, 1938	11.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.
	Friday, June 20	
368	Human Rights	11.00 a.m.

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