

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 16, 1949

The house met at three o'clock.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 54, STATUTES OF
1947-48—DEDUCTION OF UNION DUES

Mr. Arthur Williams (Ontario) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 19, to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act (deduction of union dues).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Williams: The purpose of this bill is to amend the federal labour code, which was adopted last year, by adding a new subsection 3 to section 6 of the act. The effect of the new subsection is to provide for the revocable voluntary check-off of union dues.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 54, STATUTES OF
1947-48—ENFORCEMENT REGULATIONS

Mr. Clarence Gillis (Cape Breton South) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 20, to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act (enforcement).

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 54, STATUTES OF
1947-48—DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 21, to amend the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act (definition of employee).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Knowles: This bill deletes a portion of subparagraph (i) of subsection 1 of section 2 of the federal labour code in which employees are defined. Its purpose is to remove a discrimination against certain groups of employees. In other words the bill would afford to certain categories of employees, now excluded from the provisions of the act, the right of collective bargaining.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PENSION FUND SOCIETIES ACT

EXTENSION OF PROVISIONS TO OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES OF SUBSIDIARY CORPORATIONS

Hon. Douglas Abbott (Minister of Finance) moved the first reading of Bill No. 18 (from the Senate) to amend the Pension Fund Societies Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

VAL D'OR, PONTIAC COUNTY, POST OFFICE

Mr. Caouette:

1. Have tenders been called for the construction of a post office at Val d'Or, in the county of Pontiac?
2. If so, on what date?
3. Up to what date could tenders be submitted?
4. What are the names of those who tendered and the amount of the respective tenders?
5. To whom was the contract awarded and on what conditions?

Mr. Fournier (Hull):

1. Yes.
2. December 13, 1948.
3. January 12, 1949.
4. (a) Alphonse Gratton Inc., 3440 Shuter St., Montreal, P.Q., \$243,283; (b) J. A. Tremblay, Bourlamaque, P.Q., \$246,000; (c) Paul L'Ecuyer, Val d'Or, P.Q., \$246,000; (d) Hill-Clark-Francis Limited, Noranda, P.Q., \$249,550; (e) Frs. Marquis & Fils Limitée, Quebec, P.Q., \$258,000; (f) Sauriol Construction Company, Gatineau, P.Q., \$309,000.
5. Recommendation has been submitted to council on the 15th instant for authority to award the contract to the lowest tenderer.

CANADIAN SHIPMENTS OF AIRCRAFT TO CHINESE
AIR FORCE

Mr. Gagnon:

1. Have any airplanes been shipped from Canada to Colonel W. M. Wang, A.T.S.C., Chinese Air Force, 10 Hainan road, Shanghai, China?
2. Were such airplanes supplied by Canada free of charge? If so, how many?
3. Were these airplanes sold by War Assets Corporation? If so, how many and at what price?

Mr. McIlraith:

1. There were no airplanes shipped by any government organizations to the addressee mentioned in this question. The Canadian Commercial Corporation, acting on behalf of