

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

**Thursday, March 18, 1948**

The house met at three o'clock.

### POSTAL SERVICE

#### MAIL CONTRACTS—SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. ERNEST BERTRAND (Postmaster General) moved that the house go into committee at the next sitting to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend the Supplemental Payments Act to provide that no supplemental payments shall be authorized under the act after the thirty-first day of March, 1949.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to.

### HONG KONG

#### REFERENCE OF DOCUMENTS TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved:

That the documents tabled on March 10, 1948, relating to the inquiry made pursuant to order in council P.C. 1160, of February 12, 1942, into the dispatch of the Canadian expeditionary force to the crown colony of Hong Kong, be referred to the joint committee on printing for report under standing order 64.

Motion agreed to.

### QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

#### CANADIAN ARMY

Mr. FULTON:

1. (a) What is the strength presently authorized of the active reserve of the Canadian army? Have there been any amendments or regulations changing this and if so, what is the effect of such amendments? (b) What is the present actual strength of the active reserve of the Canadian army?

2. What is the composition of the active reserve of the Canadian army by units or part units (giving names)?

3. Into what formations are these units or part units organized, giving names (brigades, brigade groups, etc.)?

4. What is the authorized strength of each unit or part unit as above?

5. What is the actual number presently on strength of each unit or part unit as above?

Mr. LAPOINTE: The hon. member has agreed to drop parts 2, 4 and 5 of this question; parts 1 and 3 are answered.

1. (a) 187,865, subject to the total actual strength not exceeding 90,000 for the present; (b) 28,743.

3. 1st infantry division; 3rd infantry division; 4th infantry division; 5th infantry division; 2nd armoured division; 6th armoured division; 20th armoured brigade; 21st armoured brigade; 5th infantry brigade; 6th infantry brigade; 17th infantry brigade; 18th infantry brigade; 1st corps troops; 2nd corps troops. Selected army and home defence troops grouped under the heading "Ancillary Troops".

2, 4 and 5. Dropped.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND—QUESTION OF ENTRY INTO CONFEDERATION

Mr. CHURCH:

Has the government any further information to give the house on the proposed agreement for the entry of Newfoundland into confederation?

Mr. ST. LAURENT: The hon. member will find a full answer to this question in the papers I tabled on March 11, and in the declaration made by the Prime Minister on the same day, which is reported at pages 2095 and 2096 of *Hansard*.

#### WHEAT BOARD—EMPLOYEES

Mr. MILLER:

1. What is the number of employees (including members of the board) of the Canadian Wheat board as at December 31, 1947?

2. Is the consolidated revenue charged with payment of the salaries or wages of (a) the board; (b) the board's employees?

3. If not, out of what fund are the same paid?

4. How many employees of the wheat board (including the members of the board) were, as at December 31, 1947, in each of the following wage or salary classes (a) \$1,000 to \$2,000 per