

Senate Promises Close Look At New Industry Department

By STEWART MACLEOD
 OTTAWA (CP) — The Senate has indicated clearly that there will be no rubber-stamp approval of legislation to establish a new department of industry without a searching study.

"We have yet to be shown that it will be as useful . . . as claimed," said Senator T. A. Crezer (L—Manitoba). " . . . we have reached a state of mind where we glorify spending."

He called for the production of more information on the proposed ministry when the bill reaches clause-by-clause study in Senate committee. Meanwhile the bill, previously passed by the Commons, remained in second-reading—approval in principle—stage.

The bill, said Senator Allister Grosart (PC—Ontario), would have far-reaching effects on the Canadian economy and they are not going to be good effects.

Instead of more government co-ordination, there would be more government dislocation.

He joined with Senator A. J. Brooks (PC—New Brunswick) in claiming the task he proposed department could best be handled by the existing trade department.

"Too many ministers might well create a slew," said Senator Brooks.

But Senator W. Ross Macdonald, government House leader, said it is necessary for the new department to be established. The problem of unemployment was urgent and we cannot let

Routine Private Bill Sparks French-Canadian Annoyance

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 OTTAWA (CP) — A routine private bill that had the effect of changing the sex of Canada was quietly amended Thursday.

The amended bill, without the slightest reference to sex, whipped through the Commons committee on banking and finance without an argument.

But when it was initially introduced in the Commons two weeks ago there was thundering opposition from French-speaking members. There was no argument with Canada Permanent Toronto General Trust Company changing its name to Canada Permanent Trust Co. of Canada.

Opposing opposition to the French name—La Canada Permanent, Compagnie de Fiducie.

Gilles Gregoire (SC — La Pointe) had just returned from Saint-Jean Baptiste Day celebrations at Jonquiere, Que., where he "found out anew how beautiful our language is. . . Then he saw the bill where 'our beautiful language is spoiled, murdered'."

Since when, he asked, did Canada become feminine? "It was always 'La Canada,' never 'La Canada.'" Indeed, he added, if Canada is going to be feminine, why shouldn't 'permanence' become 'permanence'?

At least it would be consistent, he said.

GETS SUPPORT
 Mr. Gregoire was not short of support. Frank Howard (NDP—

Skeena) said he wasn't competent to discuss the sex of the company, but if it was wrong, that should be changed. The name, that is.

Maurice Cole (SC — Chicoutimi) said it was "outrageous." Ian G. Wain (L—Toronto St. Paul's) who sponsored the bill, agreed to take it back to the company. And he said that when the bill came up before the committee he would see that officials of the company were there to discuss the question.

True to his word, he turned up Thursday with Leo Knowlton, the company's vice-president and general manager, D. K. Tow, executive vice-president, J. E. Nadeau, the Montreal manager, I. G. Goodenough, the company lawyer, and J. G. Gorman, its parliamentary agent in Ottawa.

Before French-speaking committee members could get their guns from their holsters, Mr. Gorman proposed an amendment. The French name, he said, would be Compagnie de Fiducie, Canada Permanent.

Authorities on the language had been consulted, he said. There was no further argument.

Mr. Gregoire said later he was "perfectly happy" with the new name.

STILL UNMAPPED
 The northwest extremity of the Vilecabamba Range of the Peruvian Andes still appears as a blank on maps.

Sulphur Taken From Smoke Turns Hills Green Again

TRAIL, B.C. (CP)—Sulphur, which once turned the hillsides brown through the border country along the Columbia River, today is turning them green again.

The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company plants here represent one of the largest lead-zinc-silver operations in the world. And the material that caused a blight for miles that was sulphur dioxide, pouring from the smokestacks during the treatment of lead-zinc ores.

From 1896 until 1928, the company says, the sulphur content of the ore increased from less than 1,000 tons a month to more than 10,000 as production expanded. All this sulphur was released in the atmosphere.

The breakthrough came in 1928 with the development of methods to convert sulphur dioxide into sulphuric acid and elemental sulphur. These became basic materials in the manufacture of fertilizer.

A. F. Snowball, Cominco's supervisor of smoke control, says the operation here handles an average 14,000 tons of sulphur a month these days and the amount of sulphur dioxide reaching the atmosphere is minute.

HIGHER ELSEWHERE
 Measurements of sulphur dioxide content of the atmosphere show the average for the smelter city is 36 milligrams per square decimeter a day.

By comparison, the figure for London is 1.7 milligrams; Montreal 219 milligrams and Halifax 13.58 milligrams.

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REDUCE FOREIGN DEBT
 PARIS (AP) — The French government has decided to repay more than \$200,000,000 of its foreign debt before it is due.

Most of the money probably will go to the United States. The payments will trim France's foreign debt to about \$600,000,000. Last year France sent \$470,000,000 to the U.S. as advance repayments in an effort to ease the drain on U.S. gold reserves.

HAS BIGGEST PARK
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