

Finally, I should like to mention that the Corporation appoints postal inspectors to provide for the security of the officers and employees of the Corporation as well as its property.

Honourable senators, I shall not dwell on that part of the bill that deals with violations of the act. Knowing your wisdom and your integrity, I know you will never have to refer to the clauses that deal with them.

Generally, it can be said that the assets of the Post Office Department, fixed and movable, are transferred to the Corporation which takes over their management and control.

The same applies to all responsibilities related to postal activities and actions brought against them.

Existing orders, decrees, enactments, instructions, licenses, permits, contracts remain in effect but may be altered, replaced or cancelled after two years from the date of implementation of this clause, subject to the approval of the governor in council.

The entire staff of the Post Office will be in the employ of the Corporation, with each employee retaining his or her benefits. Furthermore, all Post Office employees transferred to the Corporation will be considered, for a three year period, on the same level as Public Service employees with regard to eligibility and transfers.

Collective agreements will remain in effect for the duration of their term even after the take-over by the Corporation and all amendments by the Postmaster General to labour relations between management and employees, have recently been approved by the various unions and the opposition, including the former Postmaster General, the Honorable John A. Fraser.

Honourable senators, I believe I have selected some interesting points in this bill to indicate that the changeover from the Post Office to the Canada Post corporation was made without any radical changes, in what I would call a harmonious way. This piece of legislation is the result of days and days of consideration in committee and in the House of Commons.

This bill has benefitted from the invaluable cooperation of Post Office advisers, unions and rank and file employees and union members, and it seems that all parties are satisfied with its contents which is the result of a lengthy study in committee, including consideration of over 60 amendments, many of which have been included in the final bill. I want to mention finally that the New Democratic Party member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke commended among others the present and former Postmasters General, the Honorable André Ouellet and the Honorable John A. Fraser, as can be seen on page 9140 of the Commons *Hansard*. There is also another statement made by the conservative member for Pembina which confirms the approval of this bill by conservative members and which is found on page 9051 of the Commons *Hansard*.

It is therefore with pleasure and confidence that I move second reading of Bill C-42 to establish the Canada Post Corporation, to repeal the Post Office Act and other related acts and to make amendments to other acts.

[Senator Denis]

• (2130)

[English]

On motion of Senator Grosart, debate adjourned.

## THE CONSTITUTION

MOTION FOR AN ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN—  
MOTION IN AMENDMENT—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Perrault, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator Frith:

That an Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the Constitution of Canada; and

On the motion in amendment thereto of the Honourable Senator Yuzyk, seconded by the Honourable Senator Tremblay, that the motion be amended in Schedule B of the resolution by inserting immediately after Clause 28 the following:

"28.1 Notwithstanding anything in this Charter, the rights and freedoms set out herein are guaranteed equally to men and women."—(Honourable Senator Lang).

**Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, the last time this order was called I asked, at Senator Lang's request, that it stand in his name. Since then, by reason of the motion, notice of which I gave earlier today, I felt that Senator Lang would want to know that we would probably not be proceeding with this item this week, but that an opportunity to discuss it would arise later on the assumption that a house order of the nature that I gave notice of earlier would be adopted. Therefore, by arrangement with Senator Lang, I would ask that this item stand in my name, pursuant to an agreement between Senator Lang and myself.

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

Order stands.

## NOVA SCOTIA

OFFSHORE MINERAL RIGHTS—HISTORICAL FACTS—BRITISH  
COLUMBIA REFERENCE CASE—DEBATE CONTINUED

The Senate resumed from Thursday, April 9, the debate on the inquiry of Senator Smith calling the attention of the Senate to some of the historical facts relevant to the claim of Nova Scotia to minerals off its shores which distinguish that claim from the British Columbia claim as dealt with by the Supreme Court of Canada in *Reference re Ownership of Offshore Mineral Rights* (The British Columbia Reference case), (1967) Supreme Court Reports, 792, and (1968) 65 Dominion Law Reports (2d), 353, and submitting that the said decision does not decide the ownership of minerals off the shores of Nova Scotia.