

By Mr. Pouliot:—Order of the House for a copy of the postal agreement now in force between Canada and the U.S.S.R., regarding the shipping of goods by parcel post.

By Mr. Lacroix:—Order of the House for a copy of all correspondence exchanged between the Government and the Excel Oil Company, during the years 1931, 1932, 1933, and 1934.

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By Mr. Michaud:—Order of the House for a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams, reports and other documents from June 1, 1932, relating to the dismissal, resignation or change of the postmaster of Iroquois, Madawaska county, New Brunswick.

By Mr. Mackenzie (Vancouver Centre), for Mr. Casgrain:—Order of the House for a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams, and other documents, exchanged between the Department of Marine, and all other persons, in connection with the dismissal of Mr. Napoléon Bhérier, lighthouse keeper, at La Malbaie in the county of Charlevoix, and the nomination of his successor, since the 1st of January, 1934, to date.

Mr. Woodsworth, seconded by Miss Macphail, moved,—That, in the opinion of this House, a special committee should be set up to study and report on the best method by which the British North America Act may be amended so that while safeguarding the existing rights of racial and religious minorities and legitimate provincial claims to autonomy, the Dominion Government may be given adequate power to deal effectively with urgent economic problems which are essentially national in scope.

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

Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Hanson (Skeena), moved,—Whereas, great numbers of Canadian Seamen on the Pacific Coast of British Columbia are out of employment and in many cases destitute;

And whereas, owners of ships and vessels of Canadian Registry on the Pacific Coast of British Columbia give employment in large measure to seamen, cooks and engineers of Oriental origin;

And whereas, other countries give greater consideration to the employment of their own nationals on ships and vessels belonging to their own country;

And whereas, the Canadian Government grant large sums of money to the owners of ships and vessels by way of subsidies;

And whereas, it is desirable that every encouragement be given for the employment of officers, seamen, cooks and engineers of white Canadian citizenship in preference to those of Oriental origin on all Canadian owned and registered ships and vessels;

Therefore be it Resolved,—That, in the opinion of this House, the Government take such steps as will provide for employment of greater numbers of white Canadian citizens on all ships and vessels of Canadian ownership and registry, the owners of which receive grants of money from the public treasury of Canada.

And a Debate arising thereon;