

Private Bills

Mr. Speaker, we do not need to sell our principles for a few dollars' worth of trade. We do not need to sell ourselves down the Yangtze river or any other river in the name of peace. We learned before that we do not get peace in that way. We learned before that the way to get terrible war is to encourage robbers and murderers to believe that we have not got the stuff it takes to stand up for our principles. Do not let anybody suggest that what I am saying is either warlike or encouraging war.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Drew: Listen to the fellow travellers laugh, Mr. Speaker. I repeat that if the people who spoke in this house and elsewhere, and from the very party whose new members find that suggestion somewhat amusing, meant what they said in 1940—and I believe they did—then they believe implicitly that the only way in which to preserve peace is to stand by your principles and to try to get the free nations to establish a pattern of principles that our opponents know will not be abandoned. That was what we said. That was the great lesson we said we had learned. Let us not forget it today.

Mr. McIvor: Five o'clock.

Mr. Drew: All right, Mr. Speaker; if you wish to call it five o'clock, I shall break off at this point.

Mr. Speaker: As it is five o'clock, the house will now consider private and public bills.

PRIVATE BILLS**COMMERCE MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY**

The house resumed, from Tuesday, March 23, consideration in committee of Bill No. 198, respecting Commerce Mutual Fire Insurance Company—Mr. Eudes—Mr. Applewhaite in the chair.

On clause 1—*Name changed.*

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the clause carry?

Mr. Macdonnell: May we have an explanation from the sponsor?

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Chairman—

Mr. Knowles: Are you the new member for Hochelaga?

Mr. McIlraith: No. I have not yet moved to Hochelaga, Mr. Chairman. I still have my own identity and still am very happy to have it, whatever some others may think of that identity.

The Commerce Mutual Fire Insurance Company was incorporated by private act in 1927. At that time the business of the company was

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that of a fire insurance company. Since that time it has added other types of insurance until at the present time about 60 per cent of its total business is fire insurance business and the other 40 per cent is divided among other types of insurance such as automobile insurance, sprinkler insurance, tornado insurance and so on.

The change of name proposed is to "The Commerce General Insurance Company". No objection was taken to the proposed new name either in the committee of the House of Commons or in the committee of the Senate, and there has been no objection by the superintendent of insurance who attended before both committees. There is of course provision in the bill for the corresponding name in the French language.

Mr. Macdonnell: When the sponsor says no objection was raised by the superintendent of insurance, can we take it that it is a little more than that, that he is satisfied that there is no conflict of names? In other words, can we take it that we are passing it with his full approval?

Mr. McIlraith: Oh yes, that is quite right. He does not originate the bill in any way, but there is no objection of any kind either on the part of other firms or because of any possible conflict in the view of the superintendent of insurance.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

SECOND READINGS—SENATE BILLS

Mr. Speaker: There are several divorce bills on the order paper. Shall they all be taken in the same motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. W. G. Weir (for Mr. Hunter) moved that the following bills be read the second time:

Bill No. 379, for the relief of Gerald Emile La Grave.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 380, for the relief of Rita Boucher Dufort.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 381, for the relief of Lucy Halga Saunders Gibson.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 382, for the relief of Antonie Lutz Jedrzejewski.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 383, for the relief of Jessie Clarke Thompson.—Mr. Hunter.

Bill No. 384, for the relief of Dorothy Coughtry Paquette.—Mr. Hunter.