

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

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Friday, June 16, 1922

The House met at three o'clock.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING

Bill No. 143 (from the Senate) for the relief of Frederick McClelland Aiken.—Mr. Macdonald (Pictou).

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved that the House do tomorrow go into Committee of the Whole to consider the resolutions in relation to the appointment of a board to be known as the Canadian Wheat Board.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

QUESTIONS AS TO OLEOMARGARINE AND AGRICULTURAL FERTILIZERS

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. L. J. LADNER (Vancouver South):

Mr. Speaker, in view of the expression of opinion of this House in the debate and vote of the 15th May last relative to the manufacture and importation of oleomargarine, I would like to ask the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Motherwell): Is it the intention of the Government to at once bring down legislation to carry out the wishes of the House and to implement the promise made by him and other members of the Government to that effect? This is an important question and I am sure that hon. members generally will be interested to hear the minister's answer.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I intimated yesterday to the right hon. leader of the Opposition (Mr. Meighen) that in the course of a day or two I would state to the House the entire remaining programme. I hope tomorrow to be able to inform the House what further legislation will be brought down this session.

Mr. LADNER: On this question?

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Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Including all legislation which the Government proposes to bring down.

Mr. T. W. CALDWELL (Victoria and Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Agriculture if he proposes to bring down his resolution on which to base a bill to regulate the sale of fertilizers. Due to the fact that the session is drawing to a close, and that consequently a good deal of the legislative cargo may be jettisoned, I am anxious to hear what my hon. friend (Mr. Motherwell) proposes to do in the matter.

Hon. Mr. MOTHERWELL (Minister of Agriculture): It will be taken up on the first Order of the Day.

PENSIONS BOARD

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. H. S. BELAND (Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment): Mr. Speaker, I should like to make a statement to the House in connection with the charges which have been levelled against the Pensions Board by the Great War Veterans' Association, and which were published in yesterday's Ottawa newspapers. These charges are now under examination by the parliamentary committee on Pensions and Re-establishment, and it is presumed that the report of the committee will deal with the subject. Therefore, out of deference to the committee I would suggest that hon. members suspend judgment until such report is laid on the table, when I shall be in a position to state what action the Government is prepared to take thereon.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Would the minister intimate what is the nature of the charge against the commissioners, and explain how it is that it comes under the purview of the committee on Re-establishment.

Mr. BELAND: The charges were brought to the attention of the chairman of the parliamentary committee by the Dominion Secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association.