

Mr. BRODEUR. No, it has always been admitted, but this is to make it clear.

Mr. GALLIHER. Will the hon. minister please give a fuller explanation as I do not understand the point. He says he has no control over raw leaf tobacco.

Mr. BRODEUR. We have control over the imported raw leaf, which pays a customs duty of 10 cents per pound, and afterwards pays excise duty, but we have no control over the ordinary Canadian raw leaf.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. The Minister of Inland Revenue is in favour of the gradual adoption of the decimal system, and I know of no way in which it could be adopted so effectively and so easily as in connection with the working of his department. I would suggest that the minister should try the system in his department in connection with the collection of duties on excisable articles.

Mr. BRODEUR. The metric system is making a great deal of progress in public favour, and we may expect before long that it will be adopted in Canada. We are educating the people, and the suggestion that it should be tried in the Inland Revenue Department is a good one.

Mr. HENDERSON. In reference to this inland revenue law and the amendments that we have passed, will the commissioners for the consolidation of the statutes take these amendments into the consolidation and present the Inland Revenue Act to us in the form of one complete Act?

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes. When the law is consolidated it will contain the changes which have been adopted to-night.

Mr. HENDERSON. And an entirely new Act will be presented?

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes.

Mr. HENDERSON. That will be more convenient than if we had the Act in one place and the amendment to it in another.

Bill reported, read a third time and passed.

#### NATURALIZATION ACTS—AMENDMENT.

Bill (No. 184) to amend the Acts respecting Naturalization and Aliens—Mr. Fitzpatrick—read the second time and the House went into committee thereon.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. This applies particularly to the Northwest Territories. The existing law provides that aliens must go to a judge of the Supreme Court and have the certificate posted up in the place where the judge holds his court. The amendment provides that the name may be posted up in any subdistrict when under an ordinance of the Northwest Territories the judicial district is subdivided.

Mr. BARKER. The gentlemen from the Northwest are not here; perhaps we should let it stand.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Very well.

Progress reported.

#### THE CITY OF OTTAWA ACT—AMENDMENT.

Bill (No. 180) further to amend the Act of 1899 respecting the city of Ottawa (Mr. Fielding) was read the second time, and House went into committee thereon.

On section 1,

Mr. FIELDING. This is a Bill from the Senate for the purpose of amending the Act respecting the Ottawa Improvement Commission. Its purpose is to allow the commissioners by by-law to impose penalties—the penalties are blank, but we propose to insert not exceeding \$50, or imprisonment not exceeding three months—upon persons who may violate the by-law. The special purpose is to enable the commissioners to protect and preserve the improvements which they may make. It is purely technical, but I am sure it is an object which will commend itself to the committee.

Sections 1 and 2 agreed to.

Mr. FIELDING. I want to suggest another clause. At an earlier stage of this session attention was directed to the fact that there is no provision for a report from the commission. The commissioners make returns of their expenditures, which are properly audited, and as to which we receive all necessary information in the Auditor General's Report. But I think it is right that the commissioners should make an annual report of their operations. I propose therefore to insert a clause which provides that the first report for the year ending June 30, 1905, shall deal not only with the affairs of the year, but with all the work that they have been doing up to date, and that thereafter they shall make an annual report.

Mr. BLAIN. I saw in the Ottawa 'Citizen' the other day a reference to the name of Dundonald Park, with the suggestion that no further improvements would be made in that park because of the name. May I ask the minister if that article was brought to his attention, and if there can be anything in a report of that kind?

Mr. FIELDING. I know nothing of the matter more than what I saw in the paper. I would regard it as highly improbable.

Mr. BLAIN. I suppose the government would not sanction anything of that kind?

Mr. FIELDING. It would be time enough to consider that when we saw it.

Mr. BLAIN. I suppose the government might consider it worth while to make a