

securities owned on December 31, 1913, allow the department's value as of that date to remain as the market value for December 31, 1914. For securities acquired since December 31, 1913, allow the cost price as the market value on December 31, 1913. I think the Insurance Department will be disposed to meet the situation, should it continue as at present, in a way which I am sure will commend itself to the House.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the third time and passed.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

After Recess.

The House resumed at eight o'clock.

NATURALIZATION ACT AMENDMENT.

Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 8, to amend the Naturalization Act, 1914. He said:

I make this motion subject to the consent of the House and on the assumption that there is no objection. The Act that it is proposed to amend is the one that was passed at the last session of the House. What gives rise to the necessity for doing this is that the Imperial Parliament, in passing the Bill, the provisions of which we have adopted, made two amendments, and they have intimated to us their desire that we should without delay make our Act conform absolutely to theirs. I think the amendments will commend themselves to the judgment of the House. The first is to provide that where a married woman has lost her nationality by reason of marrying an alien, upon the dissolution of the marriage, she may be renaturalized without it being required that she should put in a period of five years' residence. The other amendment is to provide that where a woman marries a British subject who changes his nationality after the marriage, she may, by declaration of her desire so to do, retain her British nationality.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is entirely outside of the rules of procedure in the House for this to be done, and it can only be done by the unanimous consent and expressed wish of the House.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: My hon. friend the Minister of Justice (Mr. Doherty) discussed the matter with me, and it seems a very meritorious measure. I have no objec-

tion, and I hope the House will have no objection, to taking the first reading.

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no notice of the Bill whatever, and it therefore can only be introduced by the unanimous consent of the House.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

Mr. DOHERTY moved the second reading of the Bill.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: No, the Bill is not printed.

Bill stands for a second reading.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

Hon. ROBERT ROGERS moved:

That the motion that Bill No. 7, to incorporate the Canadian Patriotic Fund, be read the second time at the next sitting of the House, be rescinded, and that the Bill be now read the second time.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I hope my hon. friend will not press that motion; I cannot agree to it. Here is a Bill that has not been seen by anybody. He cannot expect us to take Bills, however meritorious they may be, without having had an opportunity of seeing them. All these Bills have to be considered before we can pass them. We have not offered any opposition to the legislation which has been brought up by the Government, but I think it is not fair that we should be asked to put through Bills without having been given an opportunity of seeing them.

Mr. ROGERS: We can only take the Bill up by consent.

Mr. MACDONALD: Why could you not circulate it and pass it around among the members?

Mr. ROGERS: The Bill was prepared by members on both sides of the House, and there is nothing objectionable in it. I am sorry that you should unnecessarily attempt to oppose the passage of this Act of incorporation.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I am sorry that the Bill was not presented earlier. I admit that very much of the objection I might have is removed when I am told that it was prepared by my hon. friend (Mr. Rogers) and a committee of both sides of the House, but still I must trust my own judgment and read it before it is passed.

Bill stands for a second reading.