

Mr. J. D. REID: This is the first time I have heard of the matter. I agree that if any great number of extensions are to be made in the West, the East should also be considered equally. I will take this matter up with the management of the Canadian National railways and see if the wishes of the people in that locality can be met.

Mr. BELAND: May I ask a question of the Minister of Railways?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: It would only be by unanimous consent that the Minister of Railways could answer, as he has already exhausted his right to speak.

Mr. LAPOINTE: We all consent.

Mr. BUREAU: Hear, hear.

Mr. BELAND: I understood a few days ago that the House was to be supplied with a report of the operation of the Canadian National railways. I have received a copy of one report but it deals only with the operations of the Canadian Northern railway. Under what head can we find information respecting the operation of the Intercolonial, for instance? The Intercolonial is a part of the Canadian National Railway system, but I can find no reference to its operations in the report that has been laid on the Table.

Mr. J. D. REID: The report on the operations of the Intercolonial is generally given by the minister when his Estimates are before the House. Then there are the usual statements in the report of the Minister of Railways. If any information is desired beyond what is contained in those statements, I shall be glad to give it when my Estimates are before the committee.

Mr. BUREAU: That applies also to the Transcontinental and the Grand Trunk Pacific?

Mr. J. D. REID: Yes.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

#### RAILWAY ACT, 1919, AMENDMENT.

##### SECOND READING.

On the motion of Hon. J. D. Reid (Minister of Railways and Canals), Bill No. 135, to amend The Railway Act, 1919, was read the second time and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

[Mr. Fielding.]

#### ADMIRALTY ACT AMENDMENT.

On the motion of Hon. C. J. Doherty (Minister of Justice) Bill No. 139, to amend the Admiralty Act, was read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Boivin in the Chair:

On section 1—appointment of deputy judges:

Mr. BUREAU: Does this mean that the Governor in Council or local judge in Admiralty may appoint a deputy judge even if the judge is still in office?

Mr. DOHERTY: No. Regularly speaking, unless you have an officer you cannot have a deputy of that officer. The deputy judge is the deputy of an existing judge. This amendment is to prevent it happening that the deputy, because the judge dies or his office otherwise becomes vacant, shall cease to have power to act.

Mr. FIELDING: How would that apply to a deputy minister?

Mr. BUREAU: "Le roi est mort, vive le roi!" The king never dies, nor do ministers. They may walk out of office, but few die.

Mr. McKENZIE: There is nothing in the Bill as to the class of persons from whom the deputy would be selected, although, of course, it is well understood what the qualifications of the deputy judge should be.

Mr. DOHERTY: I have not in my hand at the moment the provisions which determine what shall be the qualifications, but there is nothing new in this except the empowering of the Governor in Council or local judge in Admiralty to appoint a deputy judge when the judge's office for one reason or another becomes vacant. The qualifications are not altered in any way by this.

Section agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time, and passed.

#### EMPLOYMENT OFFICES CO-ORDINATION ACT AMENDMENT.

Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Minister of the Interior) moved the second reading of Bill No. 124 (from the Senate), to amend The Employment Offices Co-Ordination Act.

Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING: Explain.