

Animal Contagious Diseases

came into effect and the compensation was lowered. They said that was not fair and I believe they were right. Hence the second part of this resolution makes provision for such cases amounting in all to \$4,000. I have the names of the farmers that are affected by this provision if the committee would like to have them. They are located in Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta, but principally in Alberta where there happened to be a large amount of slaughtering in the last few days of June.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Motherwell thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 115, to amend The Animal Contagious Diseases Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. SPEAKER: When shall the bill be read a second time?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Now.

Mr. SPEAKER: With the consent of the House, bill read the second time.

Motion agreed to, and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

Mr. GARDINER: What is the number of the bill?

The CHAIRMAN: There is no number on it.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: If the bill has not been distributed, we cannot very well go ahead with it. However, the provisions of the bill are identical with the explanation I have just given to the House. The resolution is the embodiment of the bill, and the bill is in effect couched in the same language as the resolution.

Mr. HANSON: What is the idea of railroad-ing it through at this rate?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: We want to get some work before the Senate.

Mr. HANSON: It is not because the minister wants to send out the cheques to-morrow.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I have no desire to railroad it through.

Mr. CALDWELL: It is a very important matter, and I think we had better have the bill printed and distributed.

Progress reported.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

INSURANCE OF MORTGAGED PREMISES

Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM (Acting Minister of Railways and Canals) moved that the [Mr. Motherwell.]

House go into committee to consider the following proposed resolution.

Resolved, that the Governor in Council may from time to time cause an agreement or agreements to be executed by or on behalf of His Majesty the King, undertaking or guaranteeing that any company mentioned or referred to in chapter thirteen of the statutes of 1919 (first session), entitled: An Act to incorporate Canadian National Railway Company and respecting Canadian National Railways, and in chapter thirteen of the statutes of 1920, entitled: An act to confirm the agreement dated the eighth day of March, 1920, between His Majesty the King and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada for the acquisition of the capital stock of the said Grand Trunk Railway Company, except the four per cent guaranteed stock, will restore or make good all loss or damage to the mortgaged premises comprised in any mortgage or deed of trust (hereinafter called "such mortgage") at any time executed by any such company occasioned by fire or other casualty against which such company covenanted in such mortgage to insure, and indemnifying the trustee or trustees of any such mortgage against any consequences arising from any failure—(a) on the part of such company to comply with such covenant to insure, and (b) on the part of such trustee or trustees to take any action in respect thereof. The times and manner of the giving of any such agreement or agreements, and the form and terms thereof and the person who may sign the same on behalf of His Majesty shall be such as the Governor in Council may from time to time approve or direct.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Explain.

Mr. GRAHAM: The object of this resolution is simply this: The Canadian National Railway Board, with the consent of the government, has decided to carry its own insurance. In the mortgages given a covenant was included that insurance should be carried for the protection of—

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Perhaps we can shorten it a little. The resolution is rather a long one. If the minister says that all the resolution does is to enable the government to carry the insurance, we have no objection.

Mr. GRAHAM: That is all it does.

Mr. HANSON: What about the bond holders? They have some rights.

Mr. SPEAKER: The matter will be fully explained in committee, I presume.

Motion agreed to and the House went into committee, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I think the minister should give the committee some information as to the experience of the company with its insurance. What has been the result of the insurance that has been carried by the Canadian National Railways through these years? I understand they have had one system of insurance applicable to their densely populated or densely trafficked areas, and another system with differing rates for other