

MINNESOTA-CANADIAN BRIDGE COMPANY.

On the order :

House in committee on (Bill 91) to incorporate the Minnesota-Canadian Bridge Company.—Mr. Dymont.

Mr. JAMES CONMEE (Thunder Bay and Rainy River). It was arranged this afternoon that this Bill should stand over for a few days. There are some amendments to it.

Order allowed to stand.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Before the orders of the day are called, I would like to ask the Prime Minister if he would name a day for the discussion of Bill (No. 18) standing in my name? There are also two other Bills on the same subject (Nos. 142 and 143).

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). I am not prepared to fix a day for Bills Nos. 142 and 143; but for Bill No. 18 we will fix next Wednesday, in the evening.

BONDS OF GUARANTEE COMPANIES.

Mr. A. C. MACDONELL (South Toronto). Before the orders of the day are called, I would like to ask the Minister of Inland Revenue if he is prepared to answer the question I asked ten days ago with regard to bonds the government take as security in connection with the administration of his department, the bonds of insurance and guarantee companies. I understood the policy of the government to be that they intended to accept only security from British or Canadian companies. I asked the question of the Minister of Inland Revenue some days ago if that policy would extend to his department, as I am informed by correspondence I read in the House that the bonds of American security companies are being accepted by officers in his department in cases where security was required for persons doing business with the government, and giving security to the government in connection with the government business.

Hon. WM. TEMPLEMAN (Minister of Inland Revenue). In reply to the hon. gentleman (Mr. Macdonell) I may say that when securities are required from officials of the government or in respect to licenses held by parties in connection with the Inland Revenue Department, the securities of British and Canadian companies only will be accepted. With respect to the correspondence to which the hon. gentleman refers, the letter of the secretary of the department was written without his knowing what the policy of the government would be. We take guarantees only from British and Canadian companies in the Inland Revenue Department, and I believe other departments will follow that policy.

Mr. HALL.

Mr. MACDONELL. Have instructions to that effect been given to the collectors of Inland Revenue at the various ports?

Mr. TEMPLEMAN. Instructions, if not already sent out, will be sent out in a day or two in conformity with the policy of the department.

INQUIRY FOR RETURN.

Mr. A. B. INGRAM (Elgin). I wish to mention, though the Minister of Finance is not present, that I moved for a return with respect to all correspondence concerning the appointment of the insurance commission. I find a return has been brought down giving account of one letter of the 30th of October, from Mr. Prat, of Toronto, an answer by the hon. Minister of Finance on the 7th of November. It occurs to me that the return is incomplete. The order calls for all correspondence in connection with the appointment of the commission and the investigation of insurance in this country.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT
AMENDMENT.

House in committee on Bill (No. 14) to amend the Weights and Measures Act.—Mr. Campbell.

On section 6,

Mr. BLAIN. I would like to ask the hon. member (Mr. Campbell) who is in charge of this Bill if it is his intention to ask for the third reading to-night. I may say that it was understood at the committee that copies of this Bill would be distributed among the members so that they would have an opportunity of sending them to different parties throughout the country who are interested in the question. My understanding is that this Bill was only printed to-day. Therefore I think it would not be wise to give the Bill its third reading to-night. I would like to ask the hon. gentleman what his intention is.

Mr. CAMPBELL. I have no objection to let the third reading stand until the Bill can be circulated. I think we might pass it through committee to-night and let the third reading stand.

Bill reported.

MINISTERS OR DEPUTIES PRACTISING
IN CANADIAN COURTS.

On the order for the further consideration of the proposed motion :

That, in the opinion of this House, it is inexpedient that any member of the government, or deputy head of a department, should act or appear as barrister, counsel or advocate in an action, suit or proceeding, except where the interests of the Crown are involved, in any court presided over by judges or a judge appointed by the government of Canada.—Mr. Lennox.