

ing; but he has just now sent me a challenge, which I think I must accept, and that is, to say nothing.

Under the circumstances, because I do not wish my silence to be construed as an admission that I have been convinced, or converted, or perverted, before resuming my seat I am simply going to say that I am as much opposed to this legislation as I ever was, and that I have not heard a single argument to cause me to change my view.

Hon. Mr. POPE: I am sure it will be a great relief to the House to know that a pacific arrangement has been arrived at by the honourable gentleman from Ottawa (Hon. Mr. Belcourt) and myself. I have not changed my view either.

The motion was agreed to, on division, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

THE SENATE.

Saturday, November 8, 1919.

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

IMMIGRATION TO CANADA.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN inquired:

1. Is the Government aware of the arrival in Canada of the undermentioned steamers each carrying a large number of steerage passengers:

October 24, 1919, Grampian, number of steerage passengers, 708.

October 24, 1919, Metagama, number of steerage passengers, 962.

October 24, 1919, Melita, number of steerage passengers, 1,211.

October 28, 1919, Megantic, number of steerage passengers, 978.

October 28, 1919, Empress of France, number of steerage passengers, 939.

2. How many of these steerage passengers are new immigrants?

3. Is it the policy of the Government to encourage immigration to Canada at present?

4. Is the Government willing to check immigration like the United States of America until industrial conditions become normal?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED:

1. The Government is aware that the steamships mentioned arrived on or about the dates indicated, but the manifests have not yet arrived at head office, and it is impossible to say how many third-class or steerage passengers were on each ship.

2. See answer to No. 1.

3. Only the immigration of agriculturists and female domestic servants. It is probable that the majority of passengers on the sailings mentioned are persons returning to Canada who were formerly resident here, and soldiers' dependents.

4. It has so far not been considered necessary to check immigration to Canada in the manner proposed by a Bill introduced in the United States Congress. Certain powers are conferred upon the Governor in Council, under section 38 of the Immigration Act, which powers will be invoked if conditions call for that action.

SOLDIERS' CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT BILL.

FIRST READING.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 10, an Act to amend the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment.—Hon. Sir James Lougheed.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: This Bill has been made necessary chiefly through giving legislative effect to the Orders in Council passed under the War Measures Act. As honourable gentlemen know, the work carried on by this department is largely of an emergent or temporary character. Consequently the authority under which it has been acting is largely that of Orders in Council. Certain recommendations have been made in the report of the committee of the Commons touching the re-establishment of returned soldiers, and that report has been adopted in the Commons. I do not purpose moving the final reading, nor even for the committee stage at present, as certain amendments will have to be made which it was suggested in the House of Commons might be made in the Senate. The clauses deal chiefly with the making of regulations touching hospital workshops and other institutions under the department, the appointment of technical and temporary special staffs, the making of artificial limbs and appliances, and so forth.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Does this Bill extend the power to deal by Order in Council?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Simply as to regulations.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: That is all?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.