

Mr. BALLANTYNE: Inasmuch as the Crown will own the foreshore rights and all the wharves, sheds, elevators and other facilities provided at these ports, a mortgage would give us no additional security. When the resolution was under discussion I stated that the harbour commissioners for Montreal and Quebec give to the Dominion Government debentures maturing in twenty-five years, bearing interest at from three to three and a half per cent. Under the Bill that passed the House recently the rate of interest is increased to 5 per cent. When these debentures come due the Federal Government takes them up. I am going to advise the harbour commissioners of Vancouver, Montreal and Quebec that the Federal Government will look to them not only to pay the interest on the money loaned, but to set aside a sinking fund to take care of these debentures, instead of the Federal Government having to take them up. They ought to manage their revenue so as to be able to do this. There would be no additional security in taking a mortgage, because the Crown will own the foreshore rights and whatever facilities are provided.

Mr. McKENZIE: I understood that in the Act of incorporation certain foreshore rights were vested in the corporation?

Mr. STEVENS: It is quite true that that was provided in the Act of incorporation of 1912, but an amending Act was passed the following session whereby the sole ownership of the bed of the harbour below the high tide mark was vested in the Crown. So no lands can be alienated except with the consent of the Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Mr. McKENZIE: If these rights are vested in the Crown it makes a difference.

Bill reported, read the third time, and passed.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT AMENDMENT.

SENATE AMENDMENT.

Hon. A. K. MACLEAN (Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved that the amendment made by the Senate to Bill No. 42 to amend the Weights and Measures Act be concurred in. He said: The Senate have amended this Bill as it passed this House by adding to section 5 of the Bill the following paragraph:

(i) the construction of cans or other vessels used for the purpose of the sale of milk by measure, the manner of inspection thereof, and

generally for giving effect to the provisions of this Act respecting the use, verification and inspection of such cans or other vessels.

This provision which the Senate has inserted appeared as section 52 of chapter 52 of the Revised Statutes of 1906, the Weights and Measures Act, and I see no objection to its being inserted.

Motion agreed to, and amendment concurred in.

PATENT TRADE MARK AND DESIGN, COPYRIGHT AND TIMBER MARKING ACT AMENDMENT.

Hon. A. K. MACLEAN (Acting Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved the second reading of Bill No. 150, respecting the Patent Act, the Trade Mark and Design Act, the Copyright Act and the Timber Marking Act.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Explain.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: The Patent Act, the Copyright Act, and the Trade Mark and Design Act were administered up to a year ago by the Minister of Agriculture. The deputy minister of that time was Mr. O'Halloran, whom hon. gentlemen opposite well know. Last year the then Minister of Agriculture was desirous of making Mr. Grisdale his deputy minister because he was a man experienced in agriculture. He therefore assigned to Mr. O'Halloran duties in connection with the administration of the Patent Act, the Copyright Act and other Acts. Under an Order in Council passed under the War Measures Act, Mr. O'Halloran was created solicitor of patents and given the administration of those other Acts. These branches of the Department of Agriculture were later transferred to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. The Bill proposes to give authority to the Governor in Council to place these branches under a minister, like any other branch of the public service, but for the time being they are being administered by the Minister of Trade and Commerce. It was apparently at the time thought that the designation of solicitor of patents was the proper term to apply to the chief officer administering the Patent and Copyright Acts. It is now proposed to change the designation of the administrator of the office to that of commissioner of patents and also to make sure that he has the rank and status of a deputy minister. Mr. O'Halloran has for a long time been a deputy minister and it would hardly be fair to him to take from him that rank.