

Hon. Mr. MARCOTTE moved that the amendments made by the Commons be concurred in.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The amendment made to each of the other bills could be understood as soon as it was read, but in this instance I think no one can follow what the amendments really mean, and I should like an explanation by the honourable member who sponsored the Bill.

Hon. Mr. MARCOTTE: Honourable members, it will be remembered that this Bill originated in the Senate. The other House made several amendments, some of which have the effect of curtailing powers asked for by the promoters, while others are simply for the purpose of clarifying the phraseology. I am informed that the promoters are satisfied with all the amendments made by the other House, and they have requested me to move for concurrence by the Senate. I therefore move that the amendments made by the Commons be concurred in.

The motion was agreed to.

LOAN COMPANIES BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 123, an Act to amend the Loan Companies Act.—Right Hon. Mr. Meighen.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: It is my intention to have this Bill dealt with in Committee of the Whole. I am in the hands of the House as to whether we proceed with the committee stage now. It would meet my convenience better that the Senate should now take up the Orders of the Day, and later go into Committee on this Bill.

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

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE REPORTS

FULL-TIME TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

Hon. W. H. SHARPE moved concurrence in the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Will the chairman of the committee kindly explain the report?

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: A number of employees have been in the service of the Senate for several years, but have never been put on the permanent list. We recommend that this be done.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Is this similar to a recommendation adopted by the other House with respect to its employees not on the permanent list?

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: Yes.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Very good.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I understand that throughout the service there are a fairly large number of so-called temporary employees. If my recollection is correct, arrangements are being made whereby the Civil Service Commission may decide which of these employees shall be placed on the permanent list.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I thought they had all been brought in under the Calder Act.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: That Act referred to retirements.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: That is not coming in; that is going out. It has been decided to place on the permanent list, by the process known as "blanketing," several hundreds of persons who have been in the Civil Service for a number of years, but are still classed as temporary employees. They are to be made permanent without examination, although, I imagine, the Civil Service Commission may inquire into their qualifications. I understand this report recommends that employees of the Senate shall not be left out of the arrangement.

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: That is the idea.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is not intended to increase the permanent staff except when vacancies have to be filled?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: The report, in effect, recommends that, if there is to be any scheme to take care of temporary employees, the employees of the Senate shall be included.

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: Yes; we recommend that our temporary employees be taken in as well.

The motion was agreed to.

SECOND ASSISTANT CLERK

Hon. W. H. SHARPE moved concurrence in the ninth report of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts.