

He said: Honourable senators, this is a very simple bill and is in the usual form providing for a change of corporate name, and a French equivalent of the new name.

Muttart Mortgage Corporation is a company incorporated under the Loan Companies Act. Honourable senators will recall that during the last session that act was amended to give the Secretary of State power to approve of French equivalents of corporate names, thus removing that procedure from the legislative process. However, this bill not only provides for a French equivalent of the company's name but also changes the name of the company, which does require legislation.

This company was originally incorporated under the Letters Patent Act of Canada in 1958. Its purpose was to purchase mortgage loans on dwellings built by construction firms under the control of Mr. Merrill D. Muttart, a successful builder in Western Canada.

For some time now the company has been operating in a wider field than it originally anticipated. Although there are still only four shareholders in the company, apart from the directors' qualifying shares outstanding, the widening scope of the company's activities makes the personal connotation of the founder's name less appropriate in the company's operations.

I am advised by the Superintendent of Insurance that the new name provided for in this bill, namely, Cambrian Mortgage Corporation, is not objectionable and is acceptable for use by the company.

Honourable senators, clause 1 of the bill is the actual operative clause, providing for changing the name of the company to Cambrian Mortgage Corporation, and for adding a French version to the name. Clause 2 is the usual clause which safeguards the existing rights and liabilities of the company and ensures that these are not affected by the change of name.

If this bill receives second reading, I shall move that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. Mr. Roebuck: May I ask the honourable senator what is the significance of the word "Cambrian"? Does it refer to Wales or to the Cambrian Shield, that great rock shield across the northern part of Ontario into Manitoba? Has the name any significance?

Hon. Mr. Lang: I think all honourable senators are aware of the difficulty experienced these days by companies in choosing a

name which does not become confused with any other name in use. I am advised that originally this company submitted a list of about 11 names for search by the Secretary of State, none of which were acceptable because of possible confusion with names of other companies. Further names were submitted, and from them this appeared to be the only one which was not objected to by the office of the Secretary of State. For that reason I think it is most likely that the name has no particular significance.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Lang, bill referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY AND GREAT NORTHERN PACIFIC & BURLINGTON LINES, INC.—SECOND READING

Hon. Thomas Reid moved the second reading of Bill S-5, respecting Great Northern Railway Company and Great Northern Pacific & Burlington Lines, Inc.

He said: Honourable senators, the legislation now before us is a private bill being sought by Great Northern Railway Company and Great Northern Pacific & Burlington Railway Lines. The merger began in the United States some years ago and has made slow progress before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Commissioner Rupert L. Murphy released his proposed report at the end of August last year and interested parties have since then been fling objections, replies, etc. I understand that the matter will be formally argued before the I.C.C. late this spring.

I am sure that many senators are aware of the conditions surrounding the steps being taken by major railway companies in the United States to merge and thereby obtain operating economies.

As you may know, Great Northern is the only one of the parties presently operating in Canada. It proposes to merge with Northern Pacific Railway Company, which is a company of comparable size. Both railways operate throughout the Middle Western and North Western states. Both Great Northern and Northern Pacific have about six million shares outstanding, which are widely owned in the United States. I do not expect that any substantial number of these shares are held by Canadians. Pacific Coast R.R. Company is a small operation and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Great Northern.