

3. The corporation may also, during the war and for six months after the termination of the war, assist in case of need.

Is there any intention of the Government taking any steps with regard to pensions after that period of six months? Has that question been considered at all as to pensions to widows and families?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, I would say to my hon. friend that the subject is receiving the serious and very close attention of the Government at the present time, and I presume at an early day the Government will take the necessary steps to give publicity thereto. The question of pensions will, of course, have nothing to do with the Patriotic Fund.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—No; I meant with regard to this question of six months. Of course it provides that the Patriotic Fund may support those people for six months, and I presume after that time there will be some idea that a pension arrangement would come into force.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, I hope before that.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—This Act is for the purpose of filling the gap between the return of the soldier and the time when he goes on the pension list.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, the time when he gets settled down to the ordinary routine of life.

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

#### SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

##### SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved the second reading of Bill No. 57, An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act.

He said: Owing to certain members of Parliament being on active service it is necessary to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act. One of the amendments is to provide that persons members of Parliament, who are absent from Parliament on active service shall not be ineligible for members. Another amendment makes provision that the members shall not be disqualified for being on service in naval or military forces during the war whilst receiving compensation from the Crown and which, under the Senate and House of Commons Act to-day is not permitted. Furthermore, we provide that no deduction of the

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indemnity shall be made as to members who are on active service; they shall be entitled to their indemnity as if they were attending Parliament.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I would like to draw my hon. friend's attention to this Act. I understood him to say when this Bill was introduced that this Act was also to apply to the Senate.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, so it does.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I do not read it that way. On referring to the statute in the Rev. Stat. of Canada, 1906, chapter 10, cited in the first clause of this Bill, I find that section 11 of the Act has at the head of it, "Members of the House of Commons"; therefore section 11 of the Revised Statutes only applies to members of the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, it is only necessary in such a case; that is, this would apply to the eligibility of the individual to become a member of the House of Commons. Of course a senator is placed in an entirely different position. The other clause would be to the advantage of the senator; that is, he shall not be disqualified by being in service.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—Supposing that a member of this House became an officer or even a private soldier for that matter, in our expeditionary force, and he were not here for two sessions, would any legislation that we passed have any effect in preventing him from losing his seat?

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I do not want to press this particular point now, but I think when we go into committee I will do so, and I hope my hon friend will look into that matter.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—If my hon. friend points out any defect of that kind we shall be glad to rectify it.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time.

#### BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (C), An Act for the relief of William Ewart New.—Hon. Mr. Talbot.

Bill No. 12, An Act to amend the Independent Order of Foresters Consolidated Act.—Hon. Mr. Corby.

Bill No. 16, An Act respecting the Title and Trust Company and to change its name to the Chartered Trust and Executor Company.—Hon. Mr. Douglas.