

on the third reading, I have no desire to keep the Bill in committee. It can be re-committed if anything important comes up.

Bill reported.

CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT

On motion of Hon. C. J. Doherty (Minister of Justice) Bill No. 138, to amend the Criminal Code, was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Doherty that the House go into committee on the Bill:

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: This is a very long Bill, and I do not think that the minister ought to attempt to go further with it in committee.

Mr. DOHERTY: I would not suggest that we take up anything about which there should be the slightest difference of opinion. There are a large number of clauses; I think quite a number would give rise to no discussion at all, and these we might deal with. It is not impossible that any that develop any very serious objection might be dropped altogether.

Mr. DENIS: The question whether or not a clause is continuous is a matter of opinion. The few members who are here might not think them contentious, but others who are not here might take a different view.

Mr. DOHERTY: I will take the other man's opinion on that point, not my own.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think the minister will make as much progress with his Bill if he does not attempt to go on with it at this hour.

Mr. DOHERTY: Very well.

Motion agreed to, and the House went into committee on the Bill, Mr. Steele in the Chair.

Progress reported.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDRESS.

Mr. SPEAKER announced that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor General. The message was read to the House as follows:

Devonshire.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I have received with great pleasure the Address that you have voted in reply to my Speech at the opening of Parliament and thank you for it sincerely.

On motion of Right Hon. Mr. Doherty the House adjourned at 12.53 a.m. Tuesday.

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

Wednesday, May 25, 1921

The House met at Two o'clock.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

SALES TAX—1921

Mr. REID (Mackenzie):

What was the amount of the Sales Tax collections for April, 1921?

Hon. Mr. WIGMORE:

Domestic, \$2,186,649.80; importations, \$686,569.34; total, \$2,873,219.14.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. LEMIEUX:

For a copy of all correspondence and any report made by engineers to the Department of Public Works in connection with the work done by Camille Gagné, diver, at the wharf of Grande-Rivière, in the county of Gaspé, Qué.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION ACT, AMENDMENT

An motion of Hon. J. A. Calder (Minister of Immigration and Colonization), Bill No. 146, to amend the Chinese Immigration Act, was read the third time and parsed.

COPYRIGHT ACT AMENDMENT

House again in committee on Bill No. 12, to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Copyright (as amended)—Right Hon Mr. Doherty,—Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

Mr. FIELDING: Will the minister please give a general explanation of the matter in controversy between the several parties interested in this measure?

Mr. DOHERTY: As the committee is aware, this Bill, after second reading, was sent to a special committee, whose report returns the Bill with a certain number of amendments. Copies of the Bill, printed as amended, are on the table of the House at the disposal of hon. members.

The CHAIRMAN: It would be more regular if the Chairman were allowed to call at least one clause. At present there is nothing before the committee.

On Section 1.—Short Title.

Mr. BUREAU: Are the amendments which have been made indicated by brackets in the Bill as now printed?

Mr. DOHERTY: I am afraid they have not been. However, when we come to