

## EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The British Empire Service League has changed its name and the Legion now desires that its name should be simply The Canadian Legion.

Clause 1 of the Bill provides accordingly.

Clause 2 makes the identical change with respect to the ladies' auxiliaries of the Legion.

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to enlarge the objects of the Legion. Section 4 of chapter 84 of the statutes of 1948 now reads as follows:—

"4. The purposes and objects of the Legion shall be:

- (a) to constitute an association of those who have served in His Majesty's navy, army, air force or any auxiliary force, which association shall be democratic and non-sectarian; and shall not be affiliated to or connected directly or indirectly with any political party or organization;
- (b) to bring about the unity of all who have so served;
- (c) to further among them the spirit of comradeship and mutual help, and the close and kindly ties of active service;
- (d) to pass on to their families and descendants the traditions for which they stand;
- (e) to perpetuate the memory and deeds of the fallen and of those who die in the future;
- (f) to promote and care for memorials to their valour and sacrifice, to provide suitable burial, to keep an annual memorial day, to preserve the records and memories of their service and to see that such service shall not be forgotten by the nation;
- (g) to ensure that proper attention shall be paid to the welfare of all who have served and the welfare of their dependents and to see to the maintenance and comfort of those who require special treatment, particularly the disabled, sick, aged and needy, and to promote the welfare of their dependents;
- (h) to educate public opinion regarding national duties to the dead, the disabled and others who have served, and their dependents;
- (i) to foster loyalty among the public and education in the principles of patriotism, duty and unstinted public service;
- (j) to strive for peace, good will and friendship among all nations, at the same time advocating the maintenance by Canada of adequate and sufficient forces on land, sea and in the air for the defence of our country and for the discharge of those obligations which rest upon us by virtue of our partnership in the British Commonwealth and Empire;