

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

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Tuesday, October 14, 1919.

The House met at Three o'clock.

TREATY WITH AUSTRIA.

SIR GEORGE PERLEY AND SIR EDWARD KEMP APPOINTED PLENIPOTENTIARIES FOR CANADA.

Hon. NEWTON W. ROWELL (President of the Privy Council) laid upon the table of the House an Order in Council of the 6th September, 1919 requesting that His Majesty should appoint Hon. Sir George Halsey Perley, High Commissioner for Canada in London, and Sir Edward Kemp, Minister of Overseas Forces, as commissioners and plenipotentiaries for Canada for the purpose of executing the Austrian Treaty.

CLAIMS AGAINST GERMAN NATIONALS.

BILL TO GIVE EXCHEQUER COURT JURISDICTION TO LIQUIDATE PROPERTY.

Hon. CHARLES J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 30, to amend the Exchequer Court Act.

He said: The purpose of the Bill is to add to those matters over which the Exchequer Court has exclusive jurisdiction, questions that may arise in connection with the liquidation under the Peace Treaty of the property of German nationals, and in that connection of such claims as they may have and of claims as may be advanced against them, which latter claims under the terms of the Treaty we are entitled to meet out of the proceeds of the liquidation. The Exchequer Court, under the Bill, is to be the court having jurisdiction to deal with these matters.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

COMPENSATION TO POSTMASTERS.

Hon. A. K. MACLEAN moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 31 to amend the Civil Service Act, 1918, with respect to the salar-

ies of certain postmasters and assistant postmasters.

He said: Under the statute as it at present stands, subject to some amendments by Order in Council under the War Measures Act, the salaries of certain postmasters in the country are governed by the total revenue of their respective offices. Owing to the receipts derived from the sale of special war tax stamps the total revenue of these offices was largely increased, and as it was considered to be incompatible with the spirit, intent and purpose of the special War Revenue Act to permit the diversion of any portion of this special revenue towards the payment of the salaries of postmasters, an Order in Council was passed on the 8th January, 1918, under the War Measures Act, giving the Postmaster General the power to determine what percentage of the increased revenue should be computed as a part of the salaries of postmasters and assistant postmasters. It is desired to perpetuate by legislation the effect of this Order in Council, and such is the purpose of the Bill.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the second time.

SENATE BILL—FIRST READING.

Bill No. 29 (from the Senate) for the relief of Millie Wettlaufer—Mr. Sheard.

SIR HENRY DRAYTON'S CANDIDATURE IN KINGSTON.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. D. D. MCKENZIE (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I feel it my duty to bring to your notice a letter which appears over the signature of J. M. Hughes on the first page of the Daily Standard, a newspaper published in the city of Kingston. The letter is very short, and if your honour will permit me to read it, it will be the shortest way to dispose of the matter.

Mr. SPEAKER: If the letter is a matter of sufficient importance to be brought to the attention of the House on the Orders of