

CUSTOMS ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. R. C. MATTHEWS (Minister of National Revenue) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 124, to amend the Customs Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. SPEAKER: When shall said bill be read a second time?

Mr. MATTHEWS: Now.

Mr. SPEAKER: By consent, Mr. Matthews moves that said bill be now read a second time.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Sullivan in the chair.

Some hon. MEMBERS: What is the number of the bill?

Mr. SPENCER: Would the minister give us some explanation?

Mr. MATTHEWS: The bill is not printed; therefore I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Progress reported.

CUSTOMS TARIFF

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the department has been advised that in consequence of the amendment proposed to the Customs Act a slight amendment will have to be made to the Customs Tariff. Therefore leave will be asked to introduce that bill, which will constitute additional legislation, technically, to what I mentioned the other day, but it is complementary to the act that has just been before the house.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

H. MICHAUD

Mr. POWER:

1. Was Mr. H. Michaud employed on Canadian government vessels as fireman during every navigation season since 1911?
2. Was the said H. Michaud employed in the same capacity on C.G.S. Druid since 1929?
3. Was the said H. Michaud employed on C.G.S. Druid from April 1, 1934, to April 17, 1934?
4. Was he dismissed on this last named date?
5. If so, for what reason?
6. What character was given him on his certificate of discharge?

Mr. DURANLEAU:

1. No, not so far as the Department of Marine is aware.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
- 4 and 5. He was engaged in a temporary capacity only for fitting out this spring.
6. V. G. (very good).

UPKEEP OF BUOYS—ISLAND OF ORLEANS

Mr. CASGRAIN:

1. Who held the contract for the upkeep of buoys in the North channel, Island of Orleans, Quebec, from the month of May, 1931, to the month of May, 1934?
2. What was the contract price?
3. Was the contract awarded after competitive bids had been called?
4. Who were the tenderers?
5. Were complaints lodged against the person who secured the contract at the lowest tender price?
6. Has the contract for the year 1934 to the year 1937 been awarded on a tender basis?

Mr. DURANLEAU:

- 1 and 2. Alphonse Poulin from July 2, 1928, to July 2, 1931, contract price \$220 per annum; Charles Poulin from July 2, 1931, to January 2, 1932, informal agreement at rate of \$220 per annum; Charles Poulin from January 2, 1932, to July 2, 1934, contract price \$150 per annum.
3. Yes.
4. Charles Poulin \$150 per annum; Alphonse Poulin, \$220 per annum. Three additional tenders were received after the expiry date but all three higher than that of Charles Poulin.
5. No.
6. Tenders were not called. The price is that established by tender in 1931.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

POSTMASTERS DISMISSED—QUEBEC

Mr. BOULANGER:

1. How many postmasters were dismissed in the province of Quebec since the elections of July 28, 1930, to date, on the ground that they had taken an active part in politics?
2. Did O. L. Boulanger, M.P., inform the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice that J. L. A. Tanguay, of Quebec, clerk, grade 4, in the Department of Justice, had taken an active part in politics since his appointment?
3. Did the government have such charges investigated as in the case of the postmasters?
4. If so, what was the result of such investigation?
5. Will the government dismiss the said J. L. A. Tanguay in the same manner as postmasters were dismissed?

Mr. CAHAN: Return tabled herewith.