

Canada Shipping Act

Mr. MacINNIS: I think I know that bay nearly as well as my hon. friend. This is important legislation and surely it cannot be justified by the feeble arguments that have been put forward.

Mr. GIBSON (Comox-Alberni): It appears to me that the hon. member for Vancouver East is of a suspicious nature. Apparently he assumes that an individual who happens to own a boat is a capitalist and it is better to put him out of business. You cannot order things at sea the way you can order a taxi business in Vancouver. Emergencies arise and the minister must be given some power.

Mr. MacINNIS: If the hon. member for Comox-Alberni did not feel so guilty he would not think I was suspicious. I realize that emergencies do occur at sea, and it is because I do not want emergencies to occur that I do not want the minister to be given these wide powers that may send ships to sea that are not worthy to go to sea.

Mr. CHURCH: It is a dangerous principle to substitute the minister for the board of steamship inspection. We had a measure like that temporarily during the war. The law should provide for the safety of the public.

Progress reported.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FOURNIER (Hull): Tomorrow we shall resume the second reading of Bill No. 280, to amend the National Housing Act, 1944. If that is concluded, we shall take up the second reading of Bill No. 229, to amend the Customs Act. If we make much progress we shall proceed with the second reading of Bill No. 228, to amend the Excise Act, 1934.

Mr. CHURCH: What about the Department of Justice? It will be the eighty-seventh day of the session.

At eleven o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.
