

practical difficulties in the way of such legislation are too great to make it advisable that the bill should pass.

Mr. Lewis has reintroduced his bill respecting wireless telegraphy on ships, which requires sea-going passenger ships over 400 tons, and freight ships over 1200 tons, to be equipped with wireless apparatus. The same member has also reintroduced his bill requiring ships in inland waters to be marked with a disc, and with lines indicating the position of each deck. The load lines too must not be submerged.

It is an old complaint that "tipping" is an outrage, and largely on the increase, but it has not been taken seriously until now, when a bill has been introduced by Mr. Lewis entitled "An Act to prevent the giving and taking of Gratuities," which, by the way, only applies to the form of gift commonly known as a gratuity or tip. By this bill if any male employee corruptly accepts or attempts to obtain any gift as an inducement or reward for shewing favour to any person in relation to his employer's business, and any person corruptly giving any such gift, is guilty of an offence. It will be noticed that it is confined to *male* employees, so that the fair sex is still able to obtain the desired *douceur*. It is improbable that such a bill will pass, but even if such were the law we fear it would be no more effective than the common notice, "Please do not tip the waiter."

Mr. Barnard seeks to prevent a gill net license being granted unless the grantee is a British subject residing in the province and "is capable of fulfilling the requirements as to stature and chest measurement provided by the regulations governing the admission of volunteers to the Naval Volunteer Force." The restriction, so peculiarly worded, is obviously aimed at the Japanese.

The inspection of railway locomotive steam boilers is desired by a bill standing in the name of Mr. Pardee. The idea has much to recommend it.

The Commission of Conservation is the body responsible for a bill introduced by Mr. Monk respecting water-powers. It is desired to prevent any water-power, easement, servitude,