

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, May 23, 1923

The House met at three o'clock.

LAKE FREIGHT RATES

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I move, seconded by Mr. Lapointe:

That eight hundred copies in the English language and two hundred and fifty copies in the French language of the report of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into Great Lakes freight rates, laid on the Table of the House on the 18th May, 1923, be printed forthwith, and that rule 74 be suspended in relation thereto.

Mr. SPEAKER: By unanimous consent of the House.

Motion agreed to.

RADIOTELEGRAPH REGULATIONS

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Marine and Fisheries): I beg to lay on the Table of the House certain amendments which have been made to the Radiotelegraph Regulations and to the form of licenses of private commercial broadcasting.

INSURANCE ACT, 1917, AMENDMENT

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 184, to amend the Insurance Act, 1917.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Explain.

Mr. FIELDING: The first part of the bill is designed to avoid the duplication of returns in certain insurance matters. The larger part of the bill provides certain conditions of insurance policies with respect to automobile insurance. There is a correction of the French version of the previous act. These are the chief purposes of the bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Bill No. 181 (from the Senate), for the relief of James Dunnnett.—Mr. Sheard.

Bill No. 182 (from the Senate), for the relief of Laura MacBrien.—Mr. Sheard.

Bill No. 183 (from the Senate), for the relief of Chester Abbott Redmond.—Mr. Church.

WHEAT BOARD LEGISLATION

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. J. A. ROBB (Minister of Trade and Commerce): At a previous sitting the hon. member for Last Mountain (Mr. Johnston) inquired:

Has the government had a request from either the government of Alberta or the government of Saskatchewan, or a joint request from both, to extend the wheat board legislation by order in council, as provided by the act of last year?

Further have any names been suggested to this government to handle the proposal for the present year?

It will be recalled that by the legislation of 1922 providing for a wheat board covering one year, the government was authorized if requested, to extend by order in council, for a further period of one year. Under date of February 27 last the Premier of Saskatchewan forwarded to the government a copy of a resolution passed by the legislature, and requested the government of Canada to immediately pass an order in council extending the operation of the Canadian Wheat Board Act, 1922, for one year from the 15th day of August, 1923. The resolution referred to expressed the opinion of the Saskatchewan government as follows:

The government of this province should request the government of Canada to immediately pass an order in council extending the operation of the Wheat Board Act of 1922 for one year from the 15th day of August, 1923.

The government of this province should indicate to the government of Manitoba its intention to extend the operation of the Canadian Wheat Board (additional powers, Saskatchewan) Act, 1922, for one year from the 15th day of August, 1923, provided the necessary federal order in council be passed.

The government of this province should communicate to the government of Manitoba the willingness of the government of Saskatchewan to immediately co-operate with the other prairie governments and farmers' organizations for the purpose of evolving a co-operative method of marketing for subsequent years, but without in any way restricting discussion and co-operation to the precise type of organization outlined by the Premier of Manitoba.

Under date of March 10, the Premier of Alberta forwarded a copy of a resolution passed by the legislature of that province on February 13, and stated it was the intention of his government to pass the necessary order in council extending the provincial legisla-