

*Electrical and Photometric Units*

meters that have not been inspected are in a doubtful legal position, and in case any argument should arise, there should be the formal exemption.

**Mr. Fulton:** Will the same thing apply to Ontario? Will the new period or the start of a new period be fixed at the completion of conversion so that it will be every six years from there on?

**Mr. Howe:** Yes; if the conversion is to be completed within a year from the end of the inspection period, the purpose would be to extend the existing inspection period for a year so that the new meters would be inspected and the old meters removed, as they would require to be in that case.

Section agreed to.

Sections 4 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

On section 7—*Offence*.

**Mr. Higgins:** I presume it is the intention to bring this bill into effect in Newfoundland as well?

**Mr. Howe:** Yes.

Section agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

**Mr. Speaker:** When shall the bill be read the third time—now?

**Mr. Knowles:** By leave.

**Mr. Howe** moved the third reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

At one o'clock the house took recess.

The house resumed at three o'clock.

**GAS INSPECTION ACT**

AMENDMENTS WITH RESPECT TO SEALING OF METERS AND INSPECTION FEES

**Right Hon C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce)** moved the second reading of Bill No. 264, to amend the Gas Inspection Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, considered in committee, reported, read the third time and passed.

**ELECTRICAL AND PHOTOMETRIC UNITS**

DEFINITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON WEIGHTS AND MEASUREMENTS

**Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, by leave of the

house I should like to move the second reading of Bill No. 265, respecting the units of electrical and photometric measure.

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

On section 1—*Short title*.

**Mr. Howe:** This bill is a tidying up bill. Its purpose is to bring the Canadian law into line with the laws of Great Britain, France and the United States, defining the units of electrical and photometric measure and thus giving effect to the recommendations made by the international committee on weights and measures, on which Canada was represented.

Appropriate legislation has already been passed in the other countries mentioned. Electrical units are at present defined under the Electrical Units Act, R.S.C. 1927, chapter 56. Photometric units have not been defined previously under Canadian statutes. This bill is entirely technical in character, bringing our legislation into line with that of other countries.

**Mr. Drew:** It is not intended to proceed with third reading today?

**Mr. Howe:** Not necessarily.

**Mr. Drew:** While the bill may be entirely technical, that may be a reason why an opportunity should be given to ascertain whether it is as simple as it seems. I am not raising any question as to the explanation that has been given, but it is possible that a bill such as this may present problems that are not apparent. I think it should stand before it goes forward for third reading, in order that it may be ascertained whether the details are in fact acceptable.

**Mr. Howe:** I shall be glad to hold over third reading of the bill.

Section agreed to.

Sections 2 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

Bill reported.

**SUPPLY**

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Beaudoin in the chair.

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**Hon. Milton F. Gregg (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Perhaps I might reply now to the questions put last night by the hon. member for Regina City and referred to by other hon. members with regard to the class 12-D patients, as we call it, that is those paying patients coming into our D.V.A. hospitals. I was asked if I could give any indication of