

taking their fish to United States ports, to be shipped thence in bond to the interior Canadian markets.

It is essential that all feasible encouragement should be given to the development of our inshore fisheries and that to this end such trawlers should be restricted. The Bill, as amended, enables this to be done, and at the same time subsection 3 will enable the Department to encourage the inshore fishermen to equip themselves with small boats operating along the lines of the bigger ones, by means of which they can fish more steadily and for a greater period of the year.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I should judge that during the year those trawlers are not to engage in fishing within twelve miles of the land.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: That is what I understand.

Section 7 was agreed to.

Section 8 was agreed to.

The preamble and the title were agreed to.

The Bill was reported.

CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 81, an Act to amend the Criminal Code.

Hon. Mr. L'ESPERANCE: Has this Bill been distributed to the House? I do not find it in my file.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: No; I do not seem to have it.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: First reading to-morrow.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: We have not yet read the Bill the first time. The Bill is distributed before the second reading.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: It is being distributed now.

Hon. Mr. POPE: It is too late.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I raise the point that it is too late to distribute copies of the Bill while the House is in session, and after the Bill has been brought in.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: I would point out to the House that the first reading is a formal matter.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: Quite true.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: A Bill is distributed after the first reading.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I may be wrong, but I submit the point of order to Your Honour.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Does the honourable gentleman object to the first reading?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I object, because the Bill had not been distributed in time. The point may not be maintainable.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: I do not think the honourable gentleman's objection is well taken. Rule 25 says:

No notice is required for any of the following motions:

(1) For the first reading of a Bill.

Ipso facto, when the Bill is brought in it is read the first time at the Table.

Hon. Mr. GILLIS: Is it not customary to have a Bill distributed before the House deals with it at all?

The Hon. the SPEAKER: I know of no rule dealing with it before the first reading.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Apparently we shall have plenty of time to discuss the Bill. I would suggest that we take the first reading now and the second reading to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I cannot consent to the second reading without two day's notice.

The Bill was read the first time.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 8 p.m.

THE SENATE

Wednesday, June 12, 1929.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

FISHERIES BILL

THIRD READING

Bill 26, an Act to amend the Fisheries Act.—Right Hon. Mr. Graham.

On the motion to adjourn:

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Honourable gentlemen, under all the circumstances I think it would be wise for us to meet to-morrow at 3 o'clock. I cannot say that by that time we shall have what I hope will be the last Bill of this Session, the Supply Bill, but it is possible that it may be ready then. If it is not, we shall adjourn then until 8 o'clock.