

the Federal exchequer, but I would urge my honourable friend, who has already devoted some time to the study of this question of rural credits, and who made a most interesting contribution to the discussion last year, and also all honourable gentlemen who have not yet read those two reports to do so before we return.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: If I understand the Rural Credits Bill, it is a financial Bill, and would not be introduced here. Under the constitution it has to be introduced in the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I do not take that view at all. I do not see why it may not be introduced here. It is not necessary to introduce it in the other House. Surely we can consider a Bill of that kind, even if it involves financial dispositions, and it would be for the House of Commons later on to say whether or not they will adopt the financial burdens imposed thereby. There is no reason why, in the meantime, this House should not consider that Bill or any other, even though there are financial considerations involved.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not think my honourable friend is right. I think we could discuss the matter academically on a motion of resolution, but when it comes to the Bill itself, it must be introduced in the other Chamber.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I think my honourable friend would aid us greatly if he would expedite the proposed Bill. I looked through the reports of Dr. Tory fairly thoroughly when they appeared, but if the newspaper reports are correct the proposed Bill departs radically from the recommendations of Dr. Tory. It is perfectly true that he discussed the subject rather fully, but he arrives at conclusions far different from his own recommendations, if press reports can be relied upon.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: It will probably happen that just as the Session is about to close these Bills will be thrown into this Chamber, and we shall not have an opportunity to do anything with them, as has been the case in other Sessions.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My honourable friend can rely on the leader of this House not pressing a Bill of that importance if it comes in during the last days of the Session. We would have occasion to meet again in January next.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: I do not think there is any rule of Parliament to prevent that Bill being introduced into both Houses simul-

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taneously, although it may be a very unusual thing to do. I would suggest to my honourable friend that he consider the question.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS— TONNAGE AT PORTLAND, MAINE

INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. TANNER inquired of the Government:

1. Is there a contract of any kind existing between the Canadian National Railways and any person or Company in respect to the delivery by the National Railways of tonnage for export at Portland, Maine?

2. With whom is said contract made?

3. What is the date of the contract, and when will it expire?

4. Does the contract cover tonnage in general or only relate to specific classes of goods or products? If to specific classes of goods or products, what are the classes?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND:

1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. Answered by No. 1.

4. Answered by No. 1.

PENSION FUND SOCIETIES BILL CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE AND REPORTED

On motion of Hon. Mr. Béique, the Senate went into Committee on Bill A, an Act to provide for changing the names of certain Pension Fund Societies.

Hon. Mr. Robinson in the Chair.

The Bill was reported without amendment.

DIVORCE BILLS

SECOND READINGS

Bill B, an Act for the relief of Elizabeth Gertrude Orr.—Honourable Mr. Willoughby.

Bill C, an Act for the relief of Melville James Andrews.—Honourable Mr. Willoughby.

Bill D, an Act for the relief of Harry Reginald Oddy.—Honourable Mr. Willoughby.

Bill E, an Act for the relief of Mildred Roxie Horner.—Honourable Mr. Willoughby.

Bill F, an Act for the relief of Frances Muriel Burnet.—Honourable Mr. Willoughby.

Bill G, an Act for the relief of Ada Toms.—Honourable Mr. Willoughby.

Bill H, an Act for the relief of Vera Sanderson.—Honourable Mr. Schaffner.

Bill I, an Act for the relief of Noel Leslie Deuxbury.—Honourable Mr. Schaffner.

Bill J, an Act for the relief of Lillian May O'Reilly.—Honourable Mr. Schaffner.

Bill K, an Act for the relief of Jean Victoria Dillane.—Honourable Mr. Schaffner.

Bill L, an Act for the relief of Ethel Alberta Barker.—Honourable Mr. Schaffner.