

Mr. LEMIEUX: I should like my hon. friend to summarize in a few words the recommendations contained in the report.

Mr. CURRIE: The report has been on the Table for a number of weeks. It recommends that a few documents be printed, and that a large number of documents be not printed. The report is on file for the hon. gentleman to see. It does not deal with any question of printing by the departments.

Motion agreed to, and report concurred in.

DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL AMENDMENT.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 86, to amend the Daylight Saving Act, 1918.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Explain.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The amendment appears to be made necessary, as will be shown when I read clause 2, as it is at present:

2. During the prescribed period in each year in which this Act is in force, the time, for general purposes in Canada, in each province, shall be one hour in advance of the time which under the law of the province is the time prescribed for such province.

We propose to amend that by adding after the words "law of the province," these words:

At the time of the coming into force of this Act.

The clause will then read:

During the prescribed period in each year in which this Act is in force, the time, for general purposes in Canada, in each province, shall be one hour in advance of the time which under the law of the province at the time of the coming into force of this Act is the time prescribed for such province.

What happens if that amendment is not made, is, for instance, in the province of Nova Scotia, the Daylight Saving Act went into force on the standard time in Nova Scotia. If Nova Scotia, for provincial purposes wishes to advance its time one hour so as to provide against any confusion of times in the province and does so advance it, then the Daylight Saving Act time would have to be advanced one hour beyond that, and that would throw it out of gear with the time in all the other provinces, and if the same operation was carried on time after time, the two times would be chasing each other around the whole circumference of the globe and would never get even.

[Mr. Currie.]

Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time.

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS.

Bill No. 76, for the relief of William Leo Walpole.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 77, for the relief of Mary Claire Dawson Hislop.—Mr. Jacobs.

Bill No. 78, for the relief of Martin Hafner.—Mr. H. A. Mackie.

Bill No. 79, for the relief of Ida Sophia Wardell.—Mr. W. F. Maclean.

Bill No. 80, for the relief of Edward David Hill.—Mr. Richardson.

FISHERIES BRANCH, NAVAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

On the Orders of the day:

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: With the leave of the House, I move that the Fiftieth Annual Report of the Fisheries Branch, Department of Naval Service, be referred to the Committee on Marine and Fisheries. I understand that without some such motion it is not competent for the Committee to take it up and consider it.

Motion agreed to.

PRIVILEGE—THE MINISTER OF MILITIA.

STATEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO COLONEL LABATT OF THE PENSIONS BOARD.

On the Orders of the day:

Major-General MEWBURN (Minister of Militia and Defence): Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise to a question of privilege. In the Ottawa Citizen of the 9th instant, an article was published—and copied in many of the newspaper journals throughout the country—in which my name was referred to in connection with the appointment of Colonel R. H. Labatt to the Board of Pension Commissioners. Included in this article was a letter from Mr. H. H. Stevens, member of this House for Vancouver Centre, in which letter the hon. member states:

It is pointed out that Colonel Labatt is reported to be a brother-in-law to the Minister of Militia, (General Mewburn), and to the Minister of Railways and Canals, (Hon. Dr. Reid).

The said article and letter referred to, suggest to the public mind that Colonel Labatt's relationship to me had something to do with his appointment and pension. I, therefore, wish to take this opportunity of informing the members of this House that Colonel Labatt is not my brother-in-