

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Explain.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I explained the Bill yesterday. After it passes second reading I shall move that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. Mr. HARDY: May I ask the right honourable gentleman why all bills are referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce? Surely there are other standing committees to which this and similar bills may be referred. The Banking and Commerce Committee has been very heavily worked this session, and I would suggest that he have this Bill referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: This is a very short Bill, containing one clause. I am inclined to think that if the right honourable gentleman would explain the very slight change to be effected, the Bill might be given third reading.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The honourable gentleman is correct. I explained the Bill yesterday. It provides for the honest labelling of canned goods intended for export. Heretofore the checking has had to be done at the retail stage, and of course this was possible only when the goods were retailed in the domestic market.

I have been impressed, just as has the honourable senator from Leeds (Hon. Mr. Hardy), with the fact that, especially this session, nearly all bills have been referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce. In times of greater prosperity the Railway Committee was also very busy. When this Bill came to us I thought it might be referred to the Committee on Agriculture, but really it has to do with trade and commerce, and to my mind there is no reason why the Bill should not go to the committee dealing with such matters. Notwithstanding the remarks of the honourable senator opposite (Hon. Mr. Dandurand), I am inclined to think we should refer it to a standing committee to see if it cannot possibly be improved. There are two or three honourable members who take a very keen interest in the subject-matter.

Hon. Mr. SINCLAIR: The Bill might more appropriately be referred to the Committee on Public Health and Inspection of Foods. Fish does not really come under agriculture.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The honourable senator is quite right.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN.

#### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On motion of Right Hon. Mr. Meighen, the Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Public Health and Inspection of Foods.

#### CANADA GRAIN BILL

##### SECOND READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the second reading of Bill 53, an Act to amend the Canada Grain Act.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

#### REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I would suggest to my right honourable friend that the first few clauses are more germane to agriculture than to banking and commerce.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The whole Grain Act is, but all along it has been dealt with by the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce. The Act is administered by the Department of Trade and Commerce; why I do not know. I think it would be a mistake to change the committee now.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I notice clause 2 provides:

Schedule One of the said Act is amended by striking out the words "Red Spring Wheat of good milling quality" in No. 2 Manitoba Northern under the main heading of "Variety of grain" and substituting therefor the words "Marquis or equal to Marquis."

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes, the first part is purely agricultural; the second part is not. My only reason for suggesting that the Bill be referred to the Banking and Commerce Committee is that this committee has always dealt with the Grain Act. I am not at all obstinate, and if it is deemed advisable I am quite prepared to have the Bill referred to the Committee on Agriculture. Undoubtedly it is the appropriate committee for the main feature of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Clause 3 deals with non-negotiable receipts of grain for transfer only. That is business.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I know, but farmers are business men now.

On motion of Right Hon. Mr. Meighen, the Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.