

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): I move:
That after the word "act" in section 20 the following words be added: "and such regulations shall have the same force and effect as if enacted herein."

Mr. CAHAN: I think that will enable the government by regulation to eliminate the middleman and patronage. Such regulations, if made to that end, will have the force of law.

Amendment agreed to.

Section as amended agreed to.

On section 21—Coming into force.

Mr. MacNICOL: May I ask a question respecting section 6 which, I realize, has been passed? I would direct attention to lines 42, 43, 44 and 45, wherein appear the words:

. . . and generally take steps to mobilize, conserve and coordinate the economic and industrial facilities available in respect of munitions. . . .

And so on. Would that include mobilizing and perhaps compensating inventive geniuses in plants? I have in mind an inventive genius in a plant who has developed a wonderful shell lathe and who, in addition to receiving good pay was given a trip to Scotland by the proprietor of the plant so that the man might recuperate in health for many hours lying awake at night pondering over problems. I am wondering how the government will obtain the services of these geniuses if they cannot be compensated.

Mr. POWER: It has been suggested that perhaps the words, "conserve and coordinate the economic and industrial facilities available," might be meant to cover the case of a reward or compensation made to someone who is particularly apt at inventing objects useful in the manufacture of munitions.

Mr. MacNICOL: That is satisfactory.

Section agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

SALARIES ACT AMENDMENT

PROVISION FOR SALARY OF MINISTER OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to amend the Salaries Act to provide that the salary of the Minister of Munitions and Supply shall be \$10,000.

He said: His Excellency the Governor General, having been made acquainted with

the subject matter of this resolution, recommends it to the favourable consideration of the house.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

Mr. MacNICOL: And will the minister also receive the \$2,000 allowance for his car?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I think he would be terribly disappointed if he did not.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Mackenzie King thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 10, to amend the Salaries Act.

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

WAR CHARITIES ACT

MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF CHARITIES

Right Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 11, relating to war charities.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East) moved the second reading of the bill.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Mr. Speaker, I have been requested to give some explanation of this bill. During the last war, in 1917 it was found necessary to pass a similar bill for the purpose of registering all war charities and preventing abuses which had grown up in connection with subscriptions for same. In many places throughout Canada people were being asked to subscribe to various charities which were not coordinated in any way. It was thought that it might not be necessary to introduce such a bill at the outset of the present war, and we had decided to wait until the regular session. However, people interested in these welfare subscriptions came to us and pointed out that legislation was absolutely essential. These gentlemen, many of whom were from Toronto, were quite frank in voicing their apprehension that people would be greatly embarrassed by promoters of alleged charities. Under the provisions of this bill no such fund can be started without its being registered. The present bill is much the same as the one enacted in 1917, except for a few changes suggested by those interested.

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