

Mr. J. S. SINNOTT (Springfield): Unless we have order and decorum in this house, those of us sitting in our seats here—

Mr. HOMUTH: Where else would you sit if not in your seats?

Mr. SINNOTT: —are unable to hear a word that is being said. Without order we shall be unable to hear, no matter what the speaker may say.

RAIL TRANSPORT

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS IN WEST— EMERGENCY AIR SERVICE

On the orders of the day:

Mr. STANLEY KNOWLES (Winnipeg North Centre): May I ask the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply whether Canadian Pacific Airlines have received special permission to operate the emergency shuttle service which they have been operating for the last day or two on a western section of the trans-continental line.

Right Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply): I shall be glad to make inquiries of the air transport board and advise my hon. friend.

FERTILIZERS ACT AMENDMENT

INGREDIENTS ENTERING INTO PRODUCTION— PROPERTIES OF FERTILIZERS

Right Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture) moved the third reading of Bill No. 9, to amend the Fertilizers Act.

Mr. HOMUTH: Last night the minister suggested that he would be willing to fix a certain time limit, and while that is not in the bill I suggest to him that the house could take it for granted, on his word to that effect, that this measure is to extend only to the time of the calling of another session. It is true the bill gives the minister wide enough powers, but could we not have an understanding—we will take his word for it; I would, though thousands would not—that it will extend, let us say, only until next session?

Mr. GARDINER: I did say in the discussion yesterday that if it were the desire of the committee to have a time limit put in I was satisfied to have that done. The committee passed the bill as it was, but there is nothing to prevent anyone next session from bringing the matter up again and having a discussion on it, and I shall be prepared to consider it then.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

CANADA GRAIN ACT

AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE PROVISIONS OF ORDERS IN COUNCIL

The house resumed from Monday, February 10, consideration of the motion of Mr. MacKinnon for the second reading of Bill No. 4, to amend the Canada Grain Act.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I was speaking on the second reading when we adjourned the debate yesterday afternoon. The understanding is that when the second reading carries the minister will move to have the bill referred to the standing committee on agriculture which was constituted today.

Motion agreed to and bill read the second time.

Hon. J. A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce): I move that Bill No. 4, to amend the Canada Grain Act, be referred to the committee on agriculture.

Mr. BRACKEN: I wish to support the motion made by the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Motion agreed to and bill referred to standing committee on agriculture and colonization.

MILITIA PENSION ACT

EXTENSION OF PROVISIONS OF ACT TO CERTAIN GROUPS

The house resumed from Monday, February 10, consideration in committee of Bill No. 5, to amend the Militia Pension Act—Mr. Claxton—Mr. Macdonald (Brantford City) in the chair.

On section 2.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Vancouver North): Has any further consideration been given to making service in any one of these branches of the non-permanent force count towards pension?

Mr. CLAXTON: When this matter was before the house last night the hon. member for Vancouver North and other members had suggested that in considering the time of service in the non-permanent active militia and the other reserve forces as counting for service for pension purposes in the permanent forces, it should be possible to count service in one of the arms on account of service for pension in any of the other arms. In this connection I should point out that when the provision was drawn as it was in 1910 and left as it was last year when this part of the act was adopted, it was considered that non-