

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I think this bill is pretty generally known. It has been discussed for a considerable length of time in the senate. It provides for the widening of the grounds for divorce.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

#### PRIVATE BILL

##### FIRST READING—SENATE BILL

Bill No. 121, to incorporate The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Hudson's Bay.—Mr. Boulanger.

#### QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

##### LUCIEN DANSEREAU

Mr. PELLETIER:

1. Was one Lucien Dansereau ever employed by the Department of Transport or the Department of Public Works?
2. If so, in what capacity?
3. What were his duties?
4. What was his salary?
5. Where was he employed?
6. When was he first employed?
7. Was he ever transferred from one department to another?
8. Has he resigned, or been pensioned or dismissed?

Mr. RINFRET: Return tabled.

##### CANADIAN NAVY—FUEL OIL SUPPLIES

Mr. LENNARD:

1. From what company or companies is the fuel oil procured that is used on the destroyers in the Canadian navy?
2. What price per gallon is being paid for this fuel oil?

#### CANADA-CUBA TRADE AGREEMENT

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. E. MacLEAN (Prince): I noticed in the Charlottetown Guardian of May 23 the following dispatch:

Ottawa, May 22—Official sources here confirm the report from Havana that negotiations for a trade agreement between Canada and Cuba were in the offing. However, the preliminaries to such negotiations had not reached the stage where any announcement could be made.

The Havana dispatch said that an exchange of Canadian potatoes for Cuban sugar and tobacco was under consideration.

I should like to ask the government or the minister in charge if this statement is correct; and, if so, what progress has been made.

Hon. W. D. EULER (Minister of Trade and Commerce): My attention had not been directed to the dispatch quoted by my hon. friend, but I may say to him and to the house that no negotiations for a trade agree-

ment have been initiated either by the government of Cuba or by the government of Canada.

#### ASCENSION DAY

##### INQUIRY AS TO CLOSING OF CANADIAN NATIONAL SHOPS AND POST OFFICE IN QUEBEC CITY

On the orders of the day:

Mr. WILFRID LACROIX (Quebec-Montmorency): I should like to ask the Minister of Transport (Mr. Howe) if orders have been issued to close the Canadian National shops at Quebec to-morrow, on account of the fact that it is a legal holiday in that province.

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Transport): I have no knowledge of the situation, but I shall make inquiries and advise my hon. friend as soon as those inquiries are complete.

Mr. LACROIX: May I direct the same question, as far as the post office in Quebec is concerned, to the acting Postmaster General (Mr. Euler). Have orders been issued to close the post office to-morrow on account of the fact that Ascension day is a legal holiday in Quebec?

Hon. W. D. EULER (Acting Postmaster General): I am not sure that I can completely answer the question of my hon. friend, since I was given no notice of it. I can tell him that to-morrow in the province of Quebec there will be no deliveries of mail, and postmasters in the various centres are given discretion to serve the public, perhaps with a limited service in some cases or no service at all in others, as may be found desirable.

#### SUPPLY

The house in committee of supply, Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

##### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Production services—Live stock and poultry, further amount required, \$24,785.

Mr. SENN: For what is the additional amount required?

Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture): The total amount is \$24,785, and the details are given at page 25 of the supplementary estimates. We find that there is an amount of \$2,640 for a live stock production assistant, \$2,040 for a senior live stock fieldman, \$5,280 for two supervising live stock fieldmen at \$2,640 each, and one senior poultry fieldman at \$2,040. Then in five cases there are reclassifications and increases of salaries totalling \$4,785, making a total of \$16,785 in salaries. There is a further amount of \$8,000 for prizes, bonuses and premiums, making a total of \$24,785.