

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The right honourable gentleman was under the impression that we had repealed the Act. We have not. Bill F, which has been enacted, simply amends the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: This is a further amendment.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: This is applicable only to fire insurance companies?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: It is applicable generally as adding this class of investment. I was certainly under the impression that the Act of this session repealed and re-enacted with revisions the Act of 1932; but I must have been wrong.

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

THIRD READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the third reading of the Bill.

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

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

Bill 15, an Act to incorporate The Small Loan Company of Canada.—Hon. Mr. Foster.

REPRESENTATION BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 116, an Act to amend the Representation Act, 1933.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: This Bill is very brief, and I may have to crave the help of honourable senators in having the House understand exactly its effect. The object is to amend the Representation Act of 1933—what we call the Redistribution Act. The single section reads:

1. Section seven of The Representation Act, 1933, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:—

“Provided that for the purpose only of authorizing and enabling the appointment pursuant to the Dominion Elections Act, 1934, of returning officers, this Act shall be deemed to be now in force.”

The Representation Act of 1933 is deemed to be still in force for the purpose of enabling the appointment of returning officers pursuant to the Dominion Elections Act of 1934.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: The Bill must refer to those faraway districts where the election is deferred.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Anyway, apparently, it is essential in order to give effect to the Elections Act of 1934—which is not yet an Act at all.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: It is not even a Bill here.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: No. This Bill can have effect only when the Dominion Elections Act of 1934 passes, because it simply authorizes a continuation of the Representation Act for the purpose of enabling returning officers to be appointed under the authority of the Dominion Elections Act of 1934.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Does it state what part of the Act it amends?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Section 7.

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

CUSTOMS BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 124, an Act to amend the Customs Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: This Bill amends the Customs Act. Section 1 repeals the amendment of the second session of 1930 as to fair market value.

Section 2 provides:

The Governor in Council, whenever it is deemed expedient to do so, may order that excise duties and excise taxes in whole or in part shall be disregarded in estimating the value for duty of goods of any kind imported into Canada from any specified country and may vary or rescind such order.

I cannot conceive of any objection to this amendment, for it simply permits a reduction of valuation for duty purposes.

Section 3 provides for the repeal of paragraph a of section 225 and substitutes therefor the following:

(a) by any contrivance gains access to bonded goods in a railway car, or to goods in a railway car, upon which goods the Customs duties have not been paid; or breaks or aids or abets the breaking of any lock, seal or other fastening for the transportation of bonded goods, whether or not entry has been made for the goods or duty paid thereon; or—