

Hon. Mr. REID: We are not building the road. If it is constructed it will be built by the Provincial Government.

Mr. SINCLAIR (Guysborough): But when the road is completed the Dominion Government will take it over and run it.

Hon. Mr. REID: We will be compelled to take it over under the agreement that was made, provided the New Brunswick Government goes on with the construction.

Mr. MICHAUD: It is very urgent that the projected line from Centreville to Andover shall be built in order to secure connection with other main line railways, and obtain better transportation from the upper part of the province of New Brunswick to the seaport of St. John.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Hon. Mr. REID thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 71, to authorize an extension of time for the completion of the St. John and Quebec railway between Centreville, in the county of Carleton and Andover in the county of Victoria, New Brunswick.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time.

ANIMAL CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACT—COMPENSATION FOR SLAUGHTERED ANIMALS.

On the motion of Hon. S. F. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, the House went into committee, Mr. Boivin in the Chair, on the following proposed resolution.

Resolved, that it is expedient to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act by providing that the time for the operation of subsection one of section six of the said Act as enacted by chapter eight of the statutes of 1918, relating to the compensation for slaughtered animals, shall be extended for three years from the twenty-fourth day of May, 1921.

Mr. TOLMIE: The clause in the present Animal Contagious Diseases Act granting power to pay compensation for animals slaughtered will expire on May 24, this year, and it is proposed to repeal subsection 1 of section 6 of the Act so that the right to grant compensation may be extended for three years more, the rate to be the same as it is at present. We are carrying on a good deal of work under the Animal Contagious Diseases Act and it is necessary that this compensation be continued. No change is proposed in the compensation paid because we think that the present amount is fair and just to those whose animals are slaughtered under the

operation of the Act. We are taking up the accredited herd system which is using up a good deal of compensation money. As the movement is being taken up very freely by the farmers and is proving to be very popular we are anxious that a fair amount of compensation should be paid in the carrying out of the work.

Resolution reported.

CANADIAN NATIONALS DEFINITION ACT

House again in committee on Bill No. 17 to define Canadian Nationals, Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN: When this Bill was last before the committee clause 1, as amended, had been adopted and clause 2, also. The Bill was allowed to stand for further consideration.

Mr. DOHERTY: The reason for the Bill being allowed to stand was in order that consideration might be given to a suggestion for which I am indebted to the hon. member for Shelburne and Queen's. My hon. friend pointed out that in connection with clause 2, which was passed, it would be desirable that a form of declaration should be provided, and on looking the matter up, I find that he is quite right in that regard—there should be such a form. The explanation given for the omission was that the clause was taken from the provisions of the Nationalization Act, and that there a form is not provided, the reason being that under that statute there exists power to make regulations under which the form could be defined. As there are no regulations to enable such a thing to be done in the case of the present measure, the form ought to be provided in the statute itself. I beg therefore to move:

That Clause 2 be amended by striking out the words "and on making such declaration shall cease to be a Canadian National" in the two last lines thereof and substituting the following:

"Such declaration may be made before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths in the locality in which the declaration is made, and may be in the form set out in the schedule to this Act. The declarant shall transmit his declaration to the Secretary of State of Canada and upon the Secretary of State being satisfied of the sufficiency of the declaration and that it has been duly executed it shall be filed of record, whereupon the declarant shall cease to be a Canadian National, and a certified copy of the declaration shall be forwarded to the declarant with an endorsement thereon that the original declaration has been filed of record."