

The House went into Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions to amend The Canada Grain Act, chapter 27 of the Statutes of 1912, and progress having been made and reported, the Committee obtained leave to consider it again this day.

Mr. Speaker announced that the time for the free conference between this House and the Senate with respect to Bill No. 19 (Letter A of the Senate), intituled: "An Act to consolidate and amend the Railway Act," and any amendment thereto, had come.

The Clerk then called over the names of the Managers on the part of this House, as follows: Messrs Bristol, Bureau, Cahill, Calder, Henders, Lemieux, Mowat, Reid (Grenville), Rowell, Sinclair (Antigonish and Guysborough), and Tweedie, who then withdrew.

Mr. Speaker announced that according to ancient practice it had been the custom to suspend the sitting of the House during the proceedings of the conference, and pointed out that no useful purpose would appear to be served by suspending the sitting while the conference was in progress, and that it was in the judgment of the House whether it would be better to establish the practice which would permit the business of the House to be carried on while such a conference was taking place.

After discussion thereon, Mr. Speaker took it to be the judgment of the House that the sitting should be continued during the meeting of the conference, but that the present action was not to be construed as a precedent.

The House then went again into Committee of the Whole to consider the proposed Resolutions to amend The Canada Grain Act, Chapter 27 of the Statutes of 1912.

*(In the Committee.)*

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to bring in a measure to amend The Canada Grain Act, chapter 27 of the statutes of 1912, and therein to provide,—

1. That in lieu of the provisions of section 102 of the said Act, it be enacted that there shall be a board to be known as the Board of Grain Appeal, to consist of three members who must be expert and experienced in the inspection of grain, to be appointed by the Governor in Council;

2. That

(a) each member shall hold office for ten years, but may be removed for cause, and shall retire upon reaching the age of seventy years;

(b) a member upon expiration of his term of office, if under seventy years of age, shall be eligible for reappointment;

(c) one of such members shall be appointed by the Governor in Council as Chairman of the Board; two members shall be a quorum;

(d) the salaries of the members shall be such as are fixed by the Governor in Council;

(e) the fees to be charged by the Board of Grain Appeal shall be set by the said Board on or before the first day of September in each year, and shall be approved by the Governor in Council.

(f) the members of the said Board shall devote the whole of their time to their duties under the Act and shall not accept or hold any other office or employment.

(g) no member or officer shall, directly or indirectly, hold any interest in any corporation subject to this Act, nor directly or indirectly deal in or be financially interested in grain or hold any interest in any grain elevator or warehouse or in any partnership, corporation or business engaged in the grain trade or in the transportation or storage of grain;