

CANADA SHIPPING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.
COMMONS AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

A message was received from the House of Commons returning Bill (NN) An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act, with amendments.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved that the amendments be concurred in. He said: This Bill originated in the Senate, and when it went down to the House of Commons some of the gentlemen there who are familiar with the coasting trade, more particularly on the Atlantic coast, called attention to the fact that a change had been made in the law in 1903 by which the coasting trade was limited to Cape Hatteras in Virginia. Formerly it extended all along the eastern side of the continent, including the West Indies. It made this difference, that certificates were granted to some men for coasting and to others for seagoing, and it worked a great hardship, because the mates and captains who had been in the habit of running to the tropics were prohibited during the last two or three years as they only held certificates as coasting masters, and not as seagoing masters. The amendment simply widens the limit. Instead of Cape Hatteras, it goes to the end of the continent and the West Indies. Other amendments increased the tonnage limit of vessels which may go on a coasting voyage without carrying a certificated master.

The motion was agreed to.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (115) An Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of the Bill for to-morrow. He said; the Bill sets out first, that it becomes necessary to have a revision of the lists for certain electoral districts north and west of Lake Superior. Under the Franchise Act the Governor in Council is authorized,

where there is no regular list, to prepare one. Since 1897, when an election took place in those districts, the Governor in Council appointed parties to prepare a list. This list was revised in the ordinary way before judges. Now, a list cannot be prepared by the Governor in Council if the provincial government have already made any. In the elections which took place recently in Ontario, the government of that province had made a rather hasty list. As the time was short, they were obliged to cut down to a very short period the time allowed for making the list and also for appeals to the judge. I am not going to discuss the controversy in the other House, but it was alleged that names had been added without the parties really being seen and that there was no time whatever to appeal to the judge, because the period was so short between the preparing of the lists and election day. This Bill authorizes the Governor in Council to name the judge who will be associated with two other judges in the adjoining counties to name persons who shall prepare a list in those unorganized districts and after they have prepared the list, it will be for those judges sitting in court to hold a revision, ample time being given for persons to apply to strike off or add names. That is the principal part. There are other clauses that it would take too long to explain to-night.

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

SALE OF ORDNANCE LANDS AUTHORIZATION BILL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (218) An Act to authorize the sale or other disposition of certain ordnance lands in the cities of Toronto and Montreal.

The Bill was read the first, second and third time and passed.

SATURDAY SITTINGS.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved that the House do now adjourn until 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Under the rules, we cannot meet to-morrow