

consists of four proposed amendments, which it is felt are necessary to be made this session for the purposes set forth therein.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: What is the nature of the amendments?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: One is to provide for granting relief to patentees and inventors who through disturbances caused by the war have lost their patents by voidance, either through failure to manufacture, non-payment of fee, or failure to acquire patents within the prescribed time. The Bill also provides that Canada may get the benefit of the reciprocal clauses in what is known as the Nolan Bill, which has passed through both Houses at Washington.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

PREMIER MASSEY'S INTERVIEW

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. CHARLES MURPHY (Russell): The morning papers announce that Premier Massey has arrived at Victoria on his way to the Imperial Conference, and that he gave out an interview. According to the despatches, Premier Massey has stated that he is prepared to place a measure of reciprocity with Canada on the statute books of New Zealand, and he also advocates a constitution for the British commonwealth of nations and an Imperial executive. The two latter he describes as vital needs of the Empire. May I ask if it is intended to have a conference on this subject with Premier Massey on the part of the Government?

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Prime Minister): No request has been received by the Government for any special conference with the Prime Minister of New Zealand on this or any other subject. I did observe the headline in the paper that an interview had been given by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, but I really do not understand that because another Prime Minister desires to give an interview that should be the occasion for a new expression of opinion from me. There has been no request for an interview on this or any other subject relating to the Imperial Conference.

EXTRADITION TREATY

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Shelburne and Queen's): A few days ago I drew the attention of my right hon. friend the Minister [Sir George Foster.]

of Justice (Mr. Doherty) to the fact that a treaty of extradition between Canada and the United States had been passed by the United States Senate and that we knew nothing of it here. I do not suppose it is a matter of first-rate importance, but the session is drawing to an end and I should like to know whether it is the intention of the Government to submit that treaty to Parliament.

Right Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice): We have had telegraphic confirmation of what appeared in the newspapers with regard to the ratification by the American Senate of a treaty making, as between Canada and the United States, wife desertion an extraditable offence. With that message was sent us an assurance that the information would be sent to us by mail in proper form, and as soon as it arrives, it is in contemplation to submit the treaty to the House for authorization to ratify.

Mr. FIELDING: Have we no copy of the treaty? Have we to wait for Washington to provide us with a copy of a treaty to which we are a party?

Mr. DOHERTY: We are awaiting the proper evidence that the treaty has been ratified.

Mr. FIELDING: I am speaking of a copy of the treaty. We ought not have to wait on Washington for that.

Mr. DOHERTY: No. I will see that the copy is brought down. What had been in contemplation was to bring it down as a schedule to the Bill. The treaty deals simply with the making of wife desertion an extraditable offence.

INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. A. R. McMASTER (Brome): I should like to direct the attention of the Minister of Public Works, I think it would be, to the fact that five or six weeks ago an order for a return was passed in connection with a question of mine as to the amounts of money spent on Government harbours throughout the country. I understand that this would involve some work, but it is now almost six weeks since the order was passed, and I am anxious to have the return this session.

Hon. F. B. McCURDY (Minister of Public Works): I shall be glad to look into the matter and see that the return is brought down at the earliest possible date.