

exemptions. The amendment adopts tonnage instead of horse-power as the standard of measurement for such vessels.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Quite properly.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The Bill as it left here provided that the certificates of masters, and I think also of mates, should expire in five years, the purpose being to facilitate the work of the department in keeping records up to date as to officers who had died. The amendment abolishes this automatic expiration of the certificates and provides instead that the Minister may cancel any certificate upon cause being shown, after inquiry before a summary court as provided for in the measure. No certificate may be cancelled before the court has reported.

Under the fourth amendment a seaman, on his discharge, may ask for a certificate of character to be endorsed on his discharge paper. If he makes such a request the master is bound to endorse the paper, favourably or otherwise. No doubt a seaman would not ask for an endorsement unless he felt it would be favourable.

The intention of one clause in the Bill is to enable the Minister to make safety regulations, as for instance against the speeding of racing boats at summer resorts. The final amendment of importance provides that the power of the Minister in this respect shall be limited to the making of regulations affecting minor waters only.

Inasmuch as this Bill originated in the Senate and has been the subject of very careful attention, I think it would be proper to submit these amendments to a committee. I therefore move that the amendments be referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The motion was agreed to.

FARMERS' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 92, an Act to facilitate Compromises and Arrangements between Farmers and their Creditors.—Right Hon. Mr. Meighen.

CANADIAN FARM LOAN BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 93, an Act to amend the Canadian Farm Loan Act.—Right Hon. Mr. Meighen.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE

INQUIRY POSTPONED

On the notice of inquiry:

By the Hon. Mr. Casgrain:—

That he will call the attention of the Senate to the activities of the International Labour Office at Geneva, and inquire:—

1. What is the total cost, without interest during construction, of the Labour Temple erected at Geneva by the International Labour Office?

2. When was construction work commenced?

3. When was the Temple completed and occupied?

4. Has the Temple been paid for, and if not, how much is outstanding and owing on the building?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I have the answer here.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: There is a great deal of work to be done in dealing with bills, and I do not want to impede the progress of the House in these matters. I therefore ask that this inquiry stand until next Wednesday, June 27.

The inquiry stands.

CAP ROUGE RIVER VIADUCT

Before the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. PARENT: Honourable members, I noticed in the Ottawa Citizen of this morning that estimates were passed in the House of Commons yesterday providing for a programme of public works, among which I find the following:

Montreal—Application of two protective coats of paint on the steel structure of the harbour bridge, \$60,000.

Recently I passed near Cap Rouge in the company of a man who has considerable knowledge of steel, and he called my attention to the fact that the Cap Rouge river viaduct, which carries the transcontinental railway tracks, is in a rusty condition and badly deteriorated from lack of paint. This structure is very important to the railway and the country, and to allow it to fall into a worse state of repair would be bad policy. Since the Government is going to spend money on painting the harbour bridge in Montreal, I should like to ask the right honourable leader of the House if he would direct the attention of the Government to the necessity for painting the Cap Rouge river viaduct.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I presume the provision for painting the Montreal bridge was included in the Bill that was brought down in the other House last night. I certainly shall call the attention of the Government to the particular case to which the honourable member refers.

MEAT AND CANNED FOODS BILL

SECOND READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the second reading of Bill 6, an Act to amend the Meat and Canned Foods Act.