

Destruction of Insects and Pests Act for the year ended March 31, 1925.—Hon. Mr. Motherwell.

Annual report of the Department of Customs and Excise for the year ended March 31, 1925; report of the Department of Customs and Excise concerning navigation.—Hon. Mr. Boivin.

#### DOMINION LANDS REGULATIONS

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (West Edmonton, Minister of the Interior and Superintendent General of Indian Affairs): I hereby give notice to the House of Commons that no remission of sales of Indian lands has taken place during the year; that no irrigation regulations have been enacted under the provisions of chapter 61 section 57 of the revised statutes; that no regulations have been enacted covering Dominion lands in the railway belt under the provisions of the order in council of September 17, 1889, and that no regulations have been enacted under the provisions of chapter 5, section 5 of the Reclamation Act.

#### RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Toronto Northwest) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 1 to amend the Railway Act, 1919.

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): Explain.

Mr. CHURCH: The object of the amendment is to restore the special rate that applied prior to the war in regard to tickets purchased on such special occasions as Thanksgiving Day, and certain other holidays, and for the purpose of attendance at the fall fairs, conventions and sporting events as are held throughout Canada. Before the war, single fares or a fare and a third were charged, instead of the full return fare, to persons attending various functions of this character on certain days and special occasions and conventions of different kinds held in the spring of the year by farmers' and other organizations. In connection with sporting events, such as soccer, lacrosse, football and hockey and other games, there was also a cut rate for week-ends. If the old special rate that obtained for these events prior to the war were restored, there would be a large increase in the earnings of the railways from this class of traffic.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

#### POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Toronto Northwest) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, to amend the Post Office Act (Newspaper Ownership).

He said: The object of this amendment is to provide for a uniform law, as in the United States, England and Australia, requiring from all newspapers, magazines, trade journals and other periodicals which contain certain articles designed to influence public opinion, sworn semi-annual statements giving the names and addresses of editors, owners and stockholders. There is a proviso that this act shall not apply to religious, fraternal, temperance, scientific, or other publications of a similar character. The names of small stockholders are not required to be given. A copy of these sworn statements shall be published in such newspapers or other publications after they have been filed as required by the act. Any such publication which fails to comply with these provisions shall be denied admission to the mails. Paid editorials and other reading matter for which money is paid shall be plainly marked "Advertisement", as they properly should be. Statements under the act are to be made in duplicate and delivered to the Postmaster General, who shall make regulations for the carrying out of the provisions of the act. This legislation is made solely in the public interest and in the best interests of a free press and of the liberty of the press in a liberty-loving country. If the press is to serve the public more adequately in the future this legislation is not only a social but an economic necessity.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

#### RELIEF TO WAR PENSIONERS

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. J. S. WOODSWORTH (Winnipeg North Centre): Since the Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment no longer sits in this House, may I ask the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Lapointe) the position of the government with regard to relief to war pensioners of less than twenty per cent disability? The situation, I think, will be clarified if I may read this telegram:

City of Winnipeg definitely refusing relief to war pensioners of less than twenty per cent war pension disability claiming Dominion government's responsibility. Veterans' organization flooded with relief applications from this class of pensioners. This class is entirely cut off from source of relief. Action therefore