

477 it follows that Ontario vessels alone come under the provisions of by-law 25, and therefore have to pay this additional tax from which the others are exempt. I wish to point out that notwithstanding this extra taxation and evident discrimination, the liability of the master or owner of the Ontario vessel is not lessened in the slightest degree, but on the contrary is emphasized. This is made abundantly clear by section 477 which reads:

Nothing in this part shall exempt any owner or master of any ship from liability for any loss or damage occasioned by his ship to any person or property on the ground either of such ship being in charge of a licensed pilot or of such loss or damage being occasioned by the act or default of a licensed pilot, or on any ground.

This section makes it clear that Ontario vessel owners are discriminated against and put at a disadvantage in the carrying trade. I therefore propose this amendment which by inserting the word 'Ontario' in subsection 2 of section 474 will place the province of Ontario on an equality with the other provinces and will relieve Ontario vessel owners from this unfair discrimination and unjust tax. I might add that I hope the Minister of Marine will take this up as a government measure. There are many interests that want this amendment carried, there is no politics in it at all, and I hope the minister will see his way clear to have the Bill passed even at this late hour of the session.

Mr. CONMEE. I wish to suggest to the hon. member that, as the Bill may not be reached this session, he could move an amendment to the Bill which the minister has on the Order Paper. I think the Bill is in the right direction, because it deals with a little hardship which the vessel owners of Ontario are complaining of, and I would like to see the minister embody its provisions in his Bill.

Mr. BRODEUR. As my hon. friend's Bill will not probably be reached this session, I may be permitted to inform him that an order in council has been passed lately, providing that vessels from Ontario coming through the Lachine rapids and moving into the harbour of Montreal shall not be obliged to pay entrance pilotage dues. This was done in order to meet a serious complaint made by the Dominion Marine Association. The reason why the legislation was passed was to improve the safety of navigation in the St. Lawrence, and it was done at the request of the Shipping Federation.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Is there power reserved in the statute to abrogate the regulations of the order in council.

Mr. BRODEUR. No. The dues were imposed by order in council. They are not embodied in the legislation itself.

Mr. EDWARDS.

Mr. CONMEE. Suppose a vessel passes through the Lachine canal, and not through the rapids, must its owner employ one of these pilots?

Mr. BRODEUR. The complaint was only in regard to the Lachine rapids.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### YUKON ORDINANCES.

Mr. OLIVER moved that the House go into committee to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that the ordinances of the 9th day of March, 1908, intituled: 'An ordinance respecting the hearing and decision of disputes in relation to mining lands in the Yukon Territory,' and the ordinance of the 17th day of September, last, intituled: 'An ordinance respecting the imposition of a tax upon ale, porter, beer and lager beer, imported into the Yukon Territory,' which were passed upon their respective dates by the Governor in Council, under the authority of section 16 of the Yukon Act, being chapter 63, R.S.C., 1906, copies of which ordinances, as well as the necessary order in council in each case, have been laid before this House, are approved by this House, in accordance with the provisions of section 17 of said chapter 63.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I think it would be well for the minister to read the ordinances so that we may see them in 'Hansard,' and then let this resolution stand in order that we may consider them, as I do not understand that they have been printed.

Mr. OLIVER. They have been laid on the table of the House in accordance with the requirements of section 17 of the Yukon Act, but I do not think they have been distributed. The order in council of the 9th of March, 1908, is as follows:

The Governor General, in virtue of the powers vested in him by section 16 of the Yukon Act, chapter 63, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, and by and with the advice of the King's Privy Council for Canada, is pleased to enact as follows:—

The provisions contained in the order of the Governor General in Council of the 19th of February, 1907, whereby the Orders of the Governor General in Council of the 18th of March, 1901, and the 4th of June, 1902, being orders governing the hearing and decision of disputes in relation to mining lands in the Yukon Territory, were rescinded and certain other regulations substituted in lieu thereof, and in the order of the Governor General in Council of the 13th of July, 1907, whereby it was ordered that all unfinished cases pending in the Gold Commissioner's Court be transferred for adjudication to the territorial court, are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

The order in council of the 17th of September, 1908, is as follows:

Whereas by an ordinance of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, dated the