

be carefully observed, and it is most difficult to secure a careful observance of those rules and regulations. The only way it can be done is by frequent inspection, and by requiring the inspectors to make a full report, in order that every failure of duty on the part of any public officer may be reported to the department, and form a part of the report that will be given to parliament for its information in order that the rules and regulations may be strictly observed.

Hon. Mr. McMILLAN—How are the duties to be divided?

Hon. Mr. MILLS—We might give to one inspector one section of the Dominion, and another to the other inspector, but my inclination is rather to have them both go over the same ground in succession, one beginning at one point, and the other at the other point. What one has gone over the first part of the year could be gone over by the other inspector another part of the year. In fact, we ought to have an inspection every three months, if possible. There can be no collusion, if that is done, between the inspector and any of the public officers. It is a department in which it is important the inspector should have no favourites—that there should be the strictest impartiality in the discharge of the duties of those officers, and that those who do well should have commendation for the good they do.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—There are only about seven penitentiaries altogether.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—I think it is a good idea, and I do not know of a better Bill the government has brought in than this. I know something of the working of penitentiaries, and it is most desirable that there should be thorough inspection, and also that there should be more than one inspector. One man is apt to get into a groove and have favourites in the different institutions, and it is highly desirable, in the interests of the public, and also in the interest of improving the moral condition of the country, that this Bill should be passed. I cordially support it.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill passed through its final stages under a suspension of the rules.

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (156) 'An Act to amend the Customs Tariff, 1897.'

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of the Bill. He said: The object is to allow beet-root sugar machinery to come in free of duty for a certain time.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (P.E.I.)—It would be well if we had some explanation of the effect of this Bill. We know it is proposed to establish beet-root sugar factories in certain provinces. Whether that is to be done under encouragement by the province, or some premium is to be given on the manufacture of sugar I am not aware, but I understand it is expected that the Dominion government will give some bonus to the manufacturers. I should like to ascertain whether that is the extent of the benefits they are going to confer on those who are starting the manufacture of beet-root sugar.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—This is the limit of the concessions which are being made, for the present at all events. In the province of Ontario, a bounty is being given for the raising of sugar beets, and the government were approached and asked if they would not at all events allow machinery to come in, as there were certain factories in Michigan whose owners would be willing to come over and locate in Ontario if they were allowed to bring in their plant free of duty, and to that extent, at all events, the government are favouring the industry. Of course, it would apply all over the Dominion.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The point is as to the extent to which the concession is made. I confess I cannot understand what is meant by structural iron.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The proposal was made to bring in the whole factory, to take down the boards, roof, and everything of that kind, which would be a rather preposterous thing to do, and so it is limited to the permanent work.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—It says: 'Machinery of every kind and structural iron.' Is that for the purpose