

CANADA GRAIN BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 53, an Act to amend the Canada Grain Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: This Bill amends the Grain Act to provide for the grading of Garnet wheat, and also for adjustment of eastern terminal elevator receipts in accordance with modern practice.

FOOD AND DRUGS BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 70, an Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The purpose of this Bill is to make the list of prohibited articles in the Food and Drugs Act correspond with the list in the Proprietary and Patent Medicines Act.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 95, an Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act is amended by this Bill so as to bring constables under the pensions provisions. The amendment involves no charge on the Treasury, as the contribution to the pension fund takes care of the expense.

SPECIAL WAR REVENUE BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 97, an Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: This Bill is to carry out the budget provisions with respect to the War Revenue Act.

CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 98, an Act to amend the Customs Tariff.

The Bill was read the first time.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: This Bill amends schedule A, customs duties, and schedule B, drawbacks.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Were these amendments comprised in the budget speech?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Of course.

COMMITTEE ON TOURIST TRAFFIC

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN, with the leave of the Senate, moved:

That the name of Hon. Senator Spence be added to the list of members composing the Standing Committee on Tourist Traffic.

The motion was agreed to.

NATURAL PRODUCTS MARKETING BILL

THIRD READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the third reading of Bill 51, an Act to improve the methods and practices of marketing of natural products in Canada and in export trade, and to make further provisions in connection therewith, as amended.

Hon. O. TURGEON: Honourable senators, this Bill contains some useful provisions, but I cannot approve of those in reference to certain of our natural products.

Fishing is one of the most important industries on the Atlantic as well as on the Pacific Coast.

In paragraph e of section 2, defining "natural products," I find these words: and such other natural products of agriculture and of the forest, sea, lake or river.

In my view this will affect the fishermen on the Atlantic Coast and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It is instinctive with our men of the Maritime Provinces to gather the harvest of the sea in order to gain a livelihood for their families. They build their boats and run all the risks of their calling, which entails frequent loss of life and property. In my view they are a class deserving of special consideration. They are not careless about the quality of their product, and neglect nothing to make it acceptable not only in the domestic but also in the export market, where it is accepted as superior to the fish of other countries.

In Halifax the fishermen support an educational institute, which is conducted by men of experience and scientific achievement. In Gloucester county and other places will be found co-operative schools where young fishermen receive instruction in fish preservation.

I submit that it would be unjust to take away from these patriotic and intelligent men