

thereby assuring greater accuracy in the meters in use. It is largely on the recommendation of the officers of the department and the city of Toronto that this amendment is proposed. Under another amendment power is taken to test gas for its calorific qualities. At present it is tested only for its illuminating qualities. The other amendments are not very important. In several clauses the word 'district' is inserted in place of the words 'city, town and place,' as the work of the department is regulated by districts.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### ROCKY MOUNTAINS PARK.

Hon. FRANK OLIVER moved that the House go into Committee on Tuesday next to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that the regulations of the 21st day of June, 1909, intitled: 'Regulations of the National Parks of Canada,' which were passed on the date above mentioned by His Excellency the Governor in Council, under authority of section 4 of the Rocky Mountains Park Act, being chapter 60, R.S.C., 1906, copies of which regulations, as well as the necessary order in council, have been laid before this House, are, in so far as they relate to the Rocky Mountains Park of Canada, approved by this House, in accordance with provisions of subsection 3 of section 5 of the said chapter 60.

Motion agreed to.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY ADJOURNMENT.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved

That when this House adjourns on Tuesday next, the 8th instant, it stand adjourned to Thursday, the 10th.

Motion agreed to.

#### ALLAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Mr. CROSBY. Before the orders of the day are taken up, I want to ask if the Allan line of steamers, which have a subsidy from the government for carrying the mails via Havre, have given up calling at Halifax. I should like to know whether they are compelled to call at Halifax or not.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I am sorry I cannot give the information at the moment, but will get it on Monday.

Mr. CROSBY. I might say that the last Allan steamer, the 'Corinthian,' arrived at St. John the day before yesterday, and did not call at Halifax.

#### BOY SCOUTS.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. The following clipping has been sent me, taken from the Toronto 'Globe':

Arrangements are being made, says the London 'Daily Mail,' by which a number of boy scouts will be enabled to visit Canada during the ensuing summer, and so have the opportunity of practising scouting under conditions which would be impossible in this country.

Red Indians will be employed to lay trails and also to teach the boys the art of tracking on a scale which could not be attempted in England. Canoeing, fishing, and following the slot of the wild deer will also form part of the scheme, which is a sequel to the interchange of the visits between English and German boy scouts last year.

The boys, who will be under the care of scout-masters, and for whose welfare the most precise arrangements will be made, will be selected by competition. The trip will be quite free of cost to the participators.

Has the Minister of Militia any information concerning this?

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. I have not. This is the first I have heard of it.

#### FISH FRY.

Mr. EDWARDS. Owing to the regrettable illness of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Brodeur), I addressed about ten days ago a letter to the deputy minister asking for application forms for fish fry. I have not yet had a reply, and should like to know to whom I ought to address a communication in order to get a reply within a reasonable time.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I am surprised that the hon. gentleman has not received any answer. I shall make inquiries at once.

#### UNITED STATES MINIMUM TARIFF.

Mr. FOSTER. Has the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) any information yet as to whether a decision has been come to by the United States authorities to admit Canadian exports under their minimum tariff, or whether he has had any communication at all with these authorities on that subject?

Mr. FIELDING. We are only aware of what is currently reported in the public press as to the proceedings of the United States authorities in these matters. I have no official information.

#### GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HAVING CROWN RESIDENCES.

Mr. BLAIN. Might I ask when I may expect a return to an order of the House of December 6, promised for the early part of last week, respecting the number of officials of the Senate and House of Commons, who have residences supplied them by the Crown?