

Private Bills

Marshland Rehabilitation Act, P.F.R.A., P.F.A.A., and even the supervision of race-track betting. I have never been able to understand why racetrack betting should be controlled by the Department of Agriculture unless it is on the theory, and I think probably rightly so, that anyone who sets about to make his living from agriculture has to be a bit of a gambler in any case.

I followed with interest the minister's report and remarks on this item, and I was struck by the statistics he gave. I spent a few minutes on that subject last year and I do not want to repeat myself, but as a farmer listening to a farmer I could not help but feel, and I think justifiably so, that perhaps some effort was made to sell a pig in a poke. The original pig in a poke was always a cat. In days long gone by there was an old trick of trying to palm off a cat in a sack as a suckling pig, and that was the origin of the expression. The expression about letting the cat out of the bag had its origin in the transaction not coming off successfully by reason of the cat escaping.

If I were to set out to let this particular cat out of the bag or expose him to view I would point out that the statistics the minister gave were on the basis of four-year periods, and in that way might conceal trends which have set in only in the last couple of years.

The Chairman: Order. It being five o'clock the house will proceed with the consideration of private and public bills.

Item stands.

Progress reported.

At five o'clock the Speaker resumed the chair.

PRIVATE BILLS

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 406, to incorporate Stanmount Pipe Line Company.—Mr. Hellyer.

Bill No. 414, respecting Westcoast Transmission Company Limited.—Mr. Fairey.

Bill No. 377, respecting Equitable Fire Insurance Company of Canada.—Mr. Boisvert.

Bill No. 409, to incorporate Gillespie Mortgage Corporation.—Mr. MacDougall.

Bill No. 380, respecting the Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company.—Mr. Hunter.

TRANS-BORDER PIPELINE COMPANY LTD.

The house in committee on Bill No. 408, to incorporate Trans-Border Pipeline Company Ltd.—Mr. Decore—Mr. Applewhaite in the chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 inclusive agreed to.

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On clause 6—*Power to construct and operate pipe lines.*

Mr. Green: Mr. Chairman, an amendment was written into clause 6 when the bill was before the standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines. Would you please place that amendment before us?

The Deputy Chairman: Clause 6 was amended in committee as follows: In line 31, following the words "pipe lines" the committee has added the following:

provided that the main pipe line or main pipe lines for the transmission of gas and gaseous hydrocarbons shall be located entirely within Canada.

Shall the clause as amended carry?

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 7 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

JOSEPH DELPHIS GUILLAUME DELORME

On the order:

Second reading of Bill No. 427, intituled: *An act for the relief of Joseph Delphis Guillaume Delorme.*—Mr. Hunter.

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, as this is a contested case and the evidence has not yet reached hon. members, might it be permitted to stand?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Stands.

Order stands.

CANADA GRAIN ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR FAIR ALLOCATION OF BOX CARS

The house resumed, from Tuesday, May 17, consideration of the motion of Mr. Argue for the second reading of Bill No. 22, to amend the Canada Grain Act.

Mr. W. A. Tucker (Rosthern): Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to detain the house for very long at this time. Since I last spoke the subject matter of the bill has been considered at some length and with great care by the committee on agriculture and colonization. We heard evidence, bearing on the problem sought to be dealt with by the bill, from the chief commissioner of the Canadian wheat board, from representatives of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada, from the transport controller and also from representatives of the three western wheat pools, as well as a representative of United Grain Growers and of the North-West Line Elevators Association.

The question as to the allocation of box cars in such a way as would enable farmers