

PAIRS

(The list of pairs is furnished by the Chief Whips.)

Messrs.

Hoey	Hudson
Brown	Good
Harris	Martell

Mr. HARRIS: I was paired with the hon. member for Hants. Had I voted I would have voted in favour of the amendment.

Mr. HOEY: I was paired with the hon. member for South Winnipeg. Had I voted I would have voted for the amendment.

Mr. BROWN: I was paired with the hon. member for Brant. Had I voted I would have voted against the amendment.

Main motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

PENSION ACT AMENDMENT

NON-CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

Hon. H. S. BELAND (Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment) moved non-concurrence in amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. 255 to amend the Pension Act.

He said: This bill was passed by this House unanimously but I am sorry to say that it has experienced a stormy passage in the upper chamber and has come back to us so mutilated that I can hardly recognize it. No fewer than twelve clauses have been substantially amended, the majority of them being entirely deleted. I am bound to move that we send a message to the Senate asking their Honours to desist from their amendments to some sections of the bill which I consider of importance. The clauses which I shall ask the Senate to allow to stand as we have passed them I shall enumerate: Section 2 refers to the granting of pensions in cases where there has been improper conduct. Section 6 extends from five to ten years the privilege of dependents of pensioners in classes 1 to 5 who receive their pension even if the death of the returned man has no relation to war service. Section 9 refers to conditions under which pensions shall be paid to widows; section 10 extends from five to ten years the time during which widows of pensioners in classes 1 to 5 may receive a pension, under certain conditions; and section 15 deals with appeals from decisions of the Board of Pension Commissioners. I therefore beg to move, Mr. Speaker, that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honours that this House disagrees with their amendments to clauses 2, 6, 9 subsection (1a), (1b), (1b) (i), 10, 15 and 16 of Bill No. 255,

an Act to amend "The Pensions Act," for the following reasons:

These clauses are the result of recommendations made by the Royal Commission on Pensions, Insurance and Re-establishment, as submitted to the House of Commons during the present session.

To clause 19 of the said bill for the following reason:

It is considered that permanency in rate of pension is indispensable to the welfare of pensioners generally.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Is it not a fact that a member of the government—the government leader in the Senate—was a member of the committee which made these amendments and concurred in all of them?

Mr. BELAND: I am informed that the hon. leader of the Senate was not a member of the committee.

Mr. MEIGHEN: My information is very distinctly that he was. Will the minister say that he did not concur in the amendments in the Senate?

Mr. BELAND: I have no information in this connection.

Motion agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the House returned to the order "Routine Proceedings."

BANKING AND COMMERCE
COMMITTEE

Mr. THOMAS VIEN (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by Mr. Boivin, that the thirteenth report of the select standing committee on Banking and Commerce be now concurred in.

Mr. MEIGHEN: What is the report?

Mr. VIEN: I beg to remind the House that on July 9 the select standing committee on Banking and Commerce presented the thirteenth report, which was pursuant to the order of reference from the House referring to the committee Dr. Tory's report on agricultural credits. The report reads as follows:

Your committee have had under consideration the report of Dr. Tory on Agricultural Credits.

Said report shows that, of the nine provinces of Canada, seven already have on their statute books laws for the purpose of establishing public systems of agricultural credit; and

Whereas a study of the systems existing in these provinces shows that there is considerable variation in the systems, both as to method and detail; and

Whereas it is the purpose of all such rural credit systems, to secure, through the better organization of security, loans for agricultural purposes at better