

C.N.R.—Joint use of Terminals

CANADA EVIDENCE ACT

ACCEPTANCE OF AFFIDAVITS IN LIEU OF ORAL
EVIDENCE IN CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS

Right Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 6, to amend the Canada Evidence Act.

He said: By a statute of 1938 amendments were made to the Canada Evidence Act having for their purpose the facilitating of evidence in certain matters; it was provided that an affidavit should be accepted as evidence without the necessity of hearing certain witnesses who might live a very long distance from the court. This amendment is for the purpose of making the first amendment easier of application, inasmuch as it will not be necessary to prove the official character of the person making the affidavit unless it is challenged.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADA GRAIN ACT AMENDMENT

CORRECTION OF INACCURACIES IN CHAPTER 36
OF STATUTES OF 1939

Hon. JAMES A. MacKINNON (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 7, to amend the Canada Grain Act.

He said: The purpose of this bill is to correct three inaccuracies that appear in the amending act of 1939.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): What are they?

Mr. MacKINNON (Edmonton West): An explanation will be given on the second reading.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

APPOINTMENT OF GEORGE A. TOUCHE AND
COMPANY AS AUDITORS

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 8, respecting the appointment of auditors for national railways.

He said: This is the usual bill introduced annually to provide for the appointment of auditors for Canadian National Railways.

Mr. HANSON (York-Sunbury): The same auditors?

Mr. HOWE: The same as those of last year.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

[Mr. Rogers.]

JOINT USE OF CERTAIN TRACKS AND TERMINALS
FOR PURPOSES OF NEW ENTRANCE INTO
VANCOUVER

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 10, to ratify and confirm a certain agreement respecting the joint use by Canadian National Railways of certain tracks and premises of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company, at Vancouver, in the province of British Columbia.

He said: The purpose of this bill is to ratify an agreement with Canadian National Railways for running rights over certain tracks and premises of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company at Vancouver in order to give the Canadian National Railways an entrance into Vancouver. This object could be approved by the board of transport commissioners to be operative for a period of not more than twenty-one years, but as the agreement is in perpetuity it is necessary to apply for the approval of parliament.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

BEAUHARNOIS POWER COMPANY

PROPOSED APPROVAL FOR DIVERSION OF ADDITIONAL
30,000 CUBIC SECOND FEET

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 9, respecting the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company.

He said: By chapter 19 of the statutes of Canada, 1931, the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company were granted the privilege of diverting 53,000 cubic second feet of the flow of the St. Lawrence for power purposes. The object of this bill is to increase that diversion by 30,000 cubic second feet.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

YUKON ACT AMENDMENT

VALIDATION OF YUKON FUR EXPORT TAX
ORDINANCE ACT ASSENTED TO MAY 20, 1919

Hon. T. A. CRERAR (Minister of Mines and Resources) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 11, to amend the Yukon Act.

He said: As far back as 1919 power was conferred upon the Yukon territorial council enabling them to provide for a tax on raw fur exported from the Yukon. A doubt has arisen, curiously enough at this late date, as to the precise powers which the territorial