

from April 1, 1924, to January 31, 1925.—Hon. Mr. Stewart (Argenteuil).

List of enfranchisements under section 3 of the Indian Act for the period from April 1, 1924, to January 31, 1925.—Hon. Mr. Stewart (Argenteuil).

Annual Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the year ended March 31, 1924.—Hon. Mr. Motherwell.

Report of the Director of Experimental Farms for the year ended March 31, 1924.—Hon. Mr. Motherwell.

Orders and regulations passed under the authority of the Destruction of Insects and Pests Act for the year ended March 31, 1924.—Hon. Mr. Motherwell.

Orders and regulations passed under the authority of the Cold Storage Act for the year ended March 31, 1924.—Hon. Mr. Motherwell.

Annual Report of the Weights and Measures, Electricity and Gas Inspection Services.—Hon. Mr. Low.

Copy of Order in Council of date the 28th November, 1924, to give effect to the provisions of section 46 of the Copyright Act, 1921.—Hon. Mr. Low.

DOMINION LANDS REGULATIONS

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (Argenteuil, Minister of the Interior and Superintendent General of Indian Affairs): I hereby give notice to the House of Commons that no irrigation regulations have been enacted under the provisions of chapter 61, section 57 of the revised statutes; that no regulations have been enacted covering Dominion lands in the railway belt under the provision of the order in council of September 17, 1889; and that no regulations have been enacted under the provisions of chapter 5, section 5 of the Reclamation Act.

I have to report to this House also that during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1924, no new regulations respecting Indians were enacted, and that there were no remissions on sales of Indian lands.

BEREAVEMENT OF MR. SPEAKER

On the Orders of the Day:

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have just been reminded that the unavoidable absence of His Honour the Speaker from this chamber to-day is owing to the death yesterday of his elder daughter. I know that I express the wish of the House when I ask you kindly to convey to His Honour and to Madame Lemieux the very deep sympathy which we all feel with them in their bereavement.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, it is only within recent hours that I have heard the sad news referred to by the Prime Minister, and I had intended making some reference to it when I spoke later. His Honour the Speaker has suffered in late years more than his share of domestic affliction. His only son lies buried in France—the greatest single sacrifice a man could make for his country. Now this is followed by the loss of a daughter. I assure you on behalf of the party in this section of the House that we deeply sympathize with His Honour and Madame Lemieux.

Mr. ROBERT FORKE (Brandon): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the members who sit in this part of the House I beg to express our sincere sympathy with His Honour the Speaker in the great loss which he has suffered by the death of his daughter.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I shall have the honour of having transmitted to the honourable the Speaker the words of sympathy of the Prime Minister, the right hon. leader of the opposition and the hon. member for Brandon.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY, MOVED BY SIR EUGENE Fiset AND SECONDED BY MR. CHARLES HANNA

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Sir EUGENE Fiset (Rimouski) (Translation) moved:

That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, offering the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both houses of parliament.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I regret that my first words uttered within these precincts should be to express the very deep sympathy which I feel for the loss sustained by His Honour the Speaker. Allow me, Sir, to associate myself to the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Mackenzie King), to the right hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Meighen) as well as to the hon. leader of the Progressive party (Mr. Forke), to offer to the so afflicted family my very sincere and deep regret.

Mr. Speaker, I trust that I may be allowed, without infringing on parliamentary customs, to express to the right hon. Prime Minister our sincere and heartfelt thanks, for having so highly honoured the electors of the county of Rimouski by choosing their humble representative to move the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.