

liament in transferring to the Exchequer Court the jurisdiction which the Minister of Agriculture heretofore had in the matter of trade marks and industrial designs. We passed a Bill last year having the same object, but it was not, in point of fact, in sufficient detail, and there were several points that were omitted in it or indistinctly legislated for, so that it was found on applying the law in actual cases that there was a defect in definition of the jurisdiction of the judge, which ceased at a point where it was not intended to cease; and there were restrictions imposed upon him by the terms of the Act which were not contemplated by anyone at the time the Bill was drawn. The Act, I believe, received the approbation of the judge at the time it was first introduced, but it was not until experience had shown one or two instances in which it was defective that we attempted last session to put it right. We did not altogether succeed in so doing, and now a Bill, more elaborately prepared, and based almost entirely on the English Trade Marks and Industrial Designs Act, has been drafted, in which our practice has been assimilated to that of England as much as possible. The chief difference in it is, that when a judgment has been rendered making any alteration in the arrangements about a trade mark or industrial design, instead of being left to the parties concerned to communicate that to the Minister it is imposed upon the court. The court upon rendering a judgment transmits a copy of it, as a matter of course, to the Minister, and the proper source of information is kept up. The judge of the Exchequer Court has been good enough to go over the Act very carefully, and he approves of it, and I hope this House will take the same view. It gives no exceptional or arbitrary jurisdiction, but defines procedure and arranges the principles upon which the procedure will take place in such a manner as to be in harmony with the English system, which is based on experience, and I hope will serve the interests of justice better than the way in which the law previously stood.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (H) "An Act respecting the Citizens Insurance Company." (Mr. Abbott.)

The Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, June 3rd, 1891.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills, reported from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, without amendment, were read the third time and passed, without debate:—

Bill (19) "An Act respecting the Canada and Michigan Tunnel Company." (Mr. McCallum).

Bill (17) "An Act respecting the River St. Clair Railway Bridge and Tunnel Company." (Mr. MacInnes, Burlington).

Bill (22) "An Act respecting the Lake Temiscamingue Colonization Company." (Mr. MacInnes, Burlington).

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (I) "An Act for the relief of Mahala Ellis." (Mr. Clemow).

CANADIAN COINAGE.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

The Order of the Day having been called,—

"That a Select Committee composed of the Honourable Messieurs Vidal, Power, Macdonald (B.C.), McClellan, Bellerose, and the mover, be appointed for the purpose of collecting information anent the expediency and probable cost of establishing a Dominion Mint, capable of coining a sufficient quantity of gold, silver and copper to meet the commercial demands of Canada; and that the said committee have leave to send for persons, papers and records."

HON. MR. MCINNIS (B.C.) said: At the request of the hon. leader of this House, I will not proceed with this motion to-day, as under circumstances well known to every hon. gentleman here I think that the session is likely to be a short one, and as this subject that I have given notice of is an important one, and the duties of the committee that I have asked for will be such as to require very considerable length of time in making a thorough report that will be satisfactory to the committee and to this House on the subject of Canadian coinage, I ask permission to withdraw my motion for this session.

The Order of the Day was discharged.