

bodied in this resolution? It is rather a broad resolution, and from many standpoints it might be dangerous for its powers to be carried out by what might be considered a War Trade Board. If the work is to be carried out by officials of the Government, the matter might have an entirely different standing from what it would have if they were carried out by the War Trade Board as at present constituted. It is very important from many points of view that we should know something further about the resolution. The members of the War Trade Board, as I understand, give their services voluntarily and without remuneration, but the board is not without influence. As we are at the present time importing many articles that are rather dangerous, this control should be exercised by officials of the Department of Trade and Commerce. As the resolution is a broad one and confers a great deal of power, it should be carefully considered by this House.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: There will be the most ample opportunity for discussion of the Bill upon its second reading, and afterwards in Committee of the Whole, where the greatest possible scope is afforded for any discussion of that kind. I am merely asking that the resolution may be passed pro forma in order that the Bill founded upon it may be introduced. The resolution itself provides that the regulations are to be made by the Governor in Council.

Resolution reported, read the first and second time, and concurred in.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 16 to amend the Customs Act and to provide for the temporary control of exports and imports.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

THE DOMINION FOREST RESERVES AND PARKS ACT AMENDMENT.

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, the House went into Committee on the following proposed resolution, Mr. Boivin in the Chair:

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend The Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act, Chapter ten of the Statutes of 1911, and to provide that where, for topographical or other reasons, it is not expedient to use for public road purposes the existing road allowances, the title to which is vested in the Crown in the right of the Province, the Provincial Government may be permitted to lay out such roads as may be necessary for the convenience of the public, and may be granted title thereto in con-

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sideration of the surrender of such portions of the said road allowances as are not required for public roads; and notwithstanding anything in the said Act, a grant may be made to the Province of British Columbia of the minerals, within the meaning of the Mineral Act of the said province, located in any lands sought to be acquired for mining purposes in the Dominion Forest Reserves in British Columbia, under the provisions of the agreement between the Dominion and the said province as confirmed by Order in Council dated the eleventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: This resolution, I think, is self-explanatory. I should be glad if the Committee would pass it, in order that the Bill which is founded upon it may be introduced.

Mr. SINCLAIR: What are the minerals which it is proposed to transfer to the province of British Columbia.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: All minerals, I suppose, on those lands.

Sir SAM HUGHES: In many parts of the Northwest and British Columbia where railways are located, it is an easy matter to locate a wagon road alongside, to the great advantage of the settlers. At the crossing of rivers, streams and valleys, the same bridge would answer as a public highway. I take the liberty of suggesting that when the Bill is in Committee consideration might be given to this suggestion. The roads alongside the railway would be much shorter than the rectangular roads, and would be of great service to the settlers.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I shall bring my hon. friend's suggestions to the attention of the Minister of the Interior.

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE: This resolution would seem to indicate that negotiations had taken place with the province in respect to its subject matter. If there is any correspondence, I suppose that it will be brought down upon the second reading by whoever has charge of the Bill.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I will draw my hon. friend's request to the attention of the Minister of the Interior, and he no doubt will see that it is complied with.

Resolution reported, read the first and second time and concurred in.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 17, to amend the Dominion Forest Reserves and Parks Act.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.