

Mr. GRAHAM: This bill had to be introduced by way of resolution, and it was pretty well discussed the other day. On the Inter colonial and Prince Edward Island railways there is what is known as a provident fund, contributed to by the men and by the government. In every province as well there is a Workmen's Compensation Act. Under the law the workman had to elect whether he would take the benefits of the provident fund or of the Workmen's Compensation Act. This bill is to make it clear that the provincial statute does not interfere at all with the provident fund, they are distinct and separate, and the workman is entitled to the benefits of both. I think that is really the vital point in the whole bill. As a matter of fact all the provinces but Nova Scotia have interpreted the act to mean what we are trying to make it mean now. The last clause is retroactive in order to make it clear that the provinces that have been doing this had the right to do so.

Section agreed to.

Section 2 agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the House adjourned at 11.55 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10, 1925

The House met at three o'clock.

RAILWAYS AND SHIPPING

Mr. W. D. EULER (North Waterloo): I beg to present the second report of the select standing committee on Railways and Shipping. As it is the intention of the committee to ask for the printing of this rather lengthy report, I would suggest that the reading of it now might be dispensed with.

An hon. MEMBER: Put the motion for printing now.

Mr. EULER: There is another report to be presented. I will put the motion to-morrow that both be printed.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Mr. W. C. GOOD (Brant): I move, seconded by the hon. member for West Edmonton (Mr. Kennedy):

Whereas under an order of reference made on the 23rd March, 1925, the standing committee on Public Accounts has had under investigation the methods of

assessment and collection of business profits and income taxes;

Therefore be it resolved, that the said committee on Public Accounts be instructed that they have power to consider and recommend to this House such amendments to the Income War Tax Act as may seem to them advisable.

Mr. SPEAKER: This might serve as a notice of motion.

Mr. GOOD: I should be glad if the House would agree by unanimous consent to have the motion pass now in order to save time.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. GOOD: If not, it will stand as a notice of motion.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is usual of course for notice to be given in such a case as this, but the motion may be entertained by unanimous consent of the House. Is that consent conceded?

Hon J. A. ROBB (Acting Minister of Finance): I would direct your attention, Mr. Speaker, to the fact that this is not a report from the Public Accounts committee. I am not questioning the opinions of the hon. members who have moved and seconded this motion, but it seems to me that in the absence of the chairman of the committee the matter might stand as a notice of motion.

Mr. SPEAKER: Stands as notice of motion.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

DOMINION OXYGEN COMPANY LIMITED

Mr. OUMET:

1. Is the Minister of Railways aware that certain officials of the Canadian National Railways are shareholders in the Dominion Oxygen Company Limited, Toronto?

2. If so, what are the names and addresses of said shareholders?

Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: The Minister of Railways has inquired of the management, and the latter advises that it has no information on the subject.

GOLD EXPORTS

Mr. COOTE:

1. What amount of gold has been exported from Canada in each year since 1910?

2. What amount of gold was imported in Canada in each of the above years?

3. What amount of gold was produced in Canada in each of these years?

4. What was the amount of gold held in Canada on March 31st, in each of these years by (a) the government; (b) banks; and (c) central gold reserve?