

there is to be a back to the land policy let it be one such as I have suggested, namely with large farms controlled by the most experienced men in the country.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Gordon thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 72, respecting relief measures.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.

Friday, May 6, 1932.

The house met at three o'clock.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND FARM RELIEF

Hon. W. A. GORDON (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I beg to lay on the table order in council P.C. 1056, passed pursuant to the provisions of the Unemployment and Farm Relief Continuance Act, 1932, and relating to the payment of money.

CANADA SHIPPING ACT

Hon. ALFRED DURANLEAU (Minister of Marine) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 74, to amend the Canada Shipping Act.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. DURANLEAU: Mr. Speaker, the object of this proposed legislation is to bring the Canadian law with regard to coastal shipping on the great lakes on a par with the American law. Under the American law it is illegal to carry grain in a British ship, say, from Chicago to Port Colborne, unload it and carry it to another American port in a British ship. Under the Canadian law as it now stands such a procedure is possible in connection with Canadian grain. It actually happens that a very considerable amount of Canadian grain is carried in American ships, from Fort William and Port Arthur to Buffalo unloaded there into other American ships of canal size and shipped to Montreal, Sorel and Quebec for export.

The proposed bill will also contain a provision that in the case of a British shipping corporation, seventy-five per cent of the stock must be owned by British subjects in order to entitle such a corporation to engage in the coastal trade. Some fear has been expressed that this legislation will increase the rates from the great lakes to Montreal, but I desire to say that the shipping companies have given assurance that no increase will be made. I can assure the house that this government

will apply section 938 of the Canada Shipping Act, which gives the power to suspend the coasting laws, should the rates be raised unduly.

Mr. GARDINER: What does the minister mean by raised unduly?

Mr. DURANLEAU: If, because of this legislation, the rates are made too high, we will remedy them.

Mr. BROWN: Is any assurance being given to the farmers that they will receive the benefit of the competition which might be properly expected?

Mr. DURANLEAU: At the present time there are 575,000 tons of Canadian shipping, and we believe that will provide sufficient competition to protect all shippers.

Mr. BROWN: Will the assurance be any better than that given by the manufacturers that prices would not be raised?

Mr. DURANLEAU: The government intends to protect the shippers should there be any undue elevation of rates.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

PREVENTIVE SERVICE

AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING COASTAL SHIPPING TRADE ON GREAT LAKES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. MAURICE BRASSET (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, I have been informed that the sailors, firemen and other men employed on the ships of the Department of National Revenue located at Gaspé are not to be re-employed this summer. I should like to inquire of the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Ryckman) as to what provision is being made to take care of these men. After a workless winter, many of these men now find themselves at the point of starvation, and I should like to know if it is the intention of the department to provide them with work.

Hon. E. B. RYCKMAN (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I am not acquainted with the particulars of the subject to which the hon. member refers, but if he has reference to the boats of the preventive service I must tell him that this matter is now under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. However, I can say that the greatest consideration is being given to the matter of taking care of those who have been in the service, and I have no doubt that it is