

the request for the appointment of such a commission as will make a thorough investigation into the cause and cure of unemployment.

On motion of Mr. Brady the debate was adjourned.

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

Tuesday, February 25, 1930

The house met at three o'clock.

TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Report of the royal commission on technical and professional services.—Mr. Dunning.

POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Toronto Northwest) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, to amend the Post Office Act (Newspaper Ownership).

Mr. DUNNING: Explain.

Mr. CHURCH: The object of this bill is to require in the public interest the names and addresses of the owners, editors, publishers and stockholders in newspapers and periodicals published in Canada to be filed and printed in such papers. The bill as passed last session required the filing and printing of the ownership of publications, including the names and addresses of the editor, publisher, business managers, owners, stockholders, known bondholders and other security holders. This bill adds that such additional information is to be given concerning the interest, direct or indirect, of any person in such publication or its stock, bonds, or other securities as the Postmaster General shall by regulation require, such information to disclose the ownership of such publication.

The bill is the same as that which passed this house the past four years with the addition of "the interest direct or indirect of any person in such publication of its stock, bonds or other securities" in view of the revelations before the United States trade commission of the secret buying of several large American papers by the Graustein interests and the power and paper trust.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Toronto Northwest) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 3, to amend the Navigable Waters Protection Act (Approval of Parliament).

He said: This is the same bill as was before the house last year. It transfers from the governor in council to parliament the consent or sanction to these permits of works in international boundary waterways between Canada and the United States.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT

MOTOR VEHICLES

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Toronto Northwest) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 4, to amend the Criminal Code (Motor Vehicles).

He said: The sections of the criminal code at present dealing with "motor manslaughter" are sections 284 and 285; which this bill amends. Judges and grand juries have been complaining of the lack of a proper section to cover such cases, while the deaths are appalling. Chief Justice Meredith in addressing the grand jury at the London assizes recently stated that the present sections are too uncertain, too inconsistent and altogether insufficient to meet present needs. Almost any amendment might improve it.

A new offence named "involuntary homicide" is created. That is, homicide which is not wanton or wilful but which is to be an offence even though the deceased was negligent and his negligence contributed to the accident. If the accused could by the use of ordinary care have avoided the accident he is liable.

A new section allows a magistrate or a judge to assess damages and require a bond before the accused is released. At present the accused can go back to the United States and the injured party has to sue in the jurisdiction of Canada and then register his judgment in the United States which is a hardship on a poor person. This section is supported by the Chief Constables' Association of Canada.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

FIREARMS, HOMICIDE, OFFENCES

Mr. T. L. CHURCH (Toronto Northwest) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 5, to amend the Criminal Code (Firearms, Homicide, Offences).

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.