

Winter Fair there are horses in jumping classes, officers' chargers, steeple-chase horses, and so on, from France and Belgium. This Fair is held not only after the exhibitions throughout the country have closed, but after all the crops including vegetables and fruits of all descriptions, have been gathered in. Therefore it is really an international exhibition, and it is acknowledged by Americans, and by people from the British Isles and elsewhere, to be the greatest and most successful show of its description in the world.

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

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

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

MONTREAL HARBOUR LOAN BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 60, an Act to provide for a loan to the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, the object of this Bill is to authorize the Governor in Council to lend to the Corporation of the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal the sum of \$12,000,000 for the construction of terminal facilities. Every honourable gentleman in this Chamber knows of the considerable development that is going on in some of our ports, and the congestion which has become apparent in the last few years in the port of Montreal.

The elevator capacity of the port of Montreal is 12,162,000 bushels. The total shipment of grain through that port in 1921 was 100,000,000; in 1926 it was 166,000,000 bushels. All the corporations that have to do with shipping have been pressing for larger facilities for the handling of the incoming and out-going ocean freight at that port.

The Harbour Commissioners ask leave to proceed to provide those greater facilities. The sum of \$12,000,000, which is asked by them, is to be spent under the following heads: harbour dredging, \$800,000; wharves, piers and basins, \$5,400,000; plant, \$155,000; shops and buildings, \$322,000; railways and electrification, \$1,342,000; permanent sheds, \$300,000; grain elevators, \$3,155,000; sundries, \$142,000.

I have before me a memorandum of all the details, and if there is any desire for further information under some of those heads, I am at the disposal of the Senate.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: Can you put it on Hansard?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I can do so, if that is the unanimous wish of the Senate.

Hon. Mr. COPP: Is that a part of the Bill?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The Bill is simply an enabling Bill; it is to enable the Governor in Council to lend to the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal up to \$12,000,000 upon the bonds or debentures of that corporation.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: May I ask the honourable gentleman, is not this the Bill we passed last Session? I think it passed all stages except that it did not receive the Royal Assent to make it law.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I would not have trusted to my own memory to answer my honourable friend, but the Clerk of the Senate informs me that it is the same Bill.

Hon. Mr. ROSS: That is my recollection.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I may add for the information of my honourable friend that the Harbour Commission of Montreal is meeting the interest on all its loans and has a sinking fund of more than a million dollars, with which it will meet a loan that is shortly to mature. The institution is therefore self-sustaining.

With these explanations I ask leave to move the second reading of this Bill.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: How long is it expected the expenditure of this money will take? It would naturally take some years, would it not?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I should be surprised to see the expenditure all made in one season. The work goes on mainly from the opening to the closing of navigation, but when I see that it is proposed to expend \$5,400,000 on wharves, piers and basins, I am convinced that it will take more than one season.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: Oh, yes. I understand the statement of details will be included in Hansard. I think it would be very interesting to see exactly in what way the money will be disbursed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes. With the unanimous consent of the Senate I will place on Hansard the full details of the expenditure of that sum.