

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: This is the Militia Act that we are dealing with.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The Militia Act has been on the Statute Book for years without any question of that kind arising to my knowledge.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: Are you going to wait till the question arises? As a matter of fact, in the history of England there are many cases in which, after trouble of this sort, the Parliament of the country has had to come to the rescue of the military by passing a General Act of Indemnity.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: That would be when they acted beyond their authority.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: If the House does not wish it, I will not press the question. In order to effect progress, I will withdraw the amendment.

The proposed amendment of Hon. Mr. Griesbach was withdrawn.

New section 87 was agreed to.

New section 88 was agreed to.

On new section 89—province to pay expenses and costs:

Hon. Mr. McCORMICK: This says: "All expenses and costs incurred." It should be changed.

New section 89 was agreed to.

New section 90, the preamble, and the title were agreed to.

The Bill was reported.

THIRD READING

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

Hon. Mr. TANNER: I move that the Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be read this day three months.

The amendment was negatived.

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

DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill 264, an act to amend the Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment Act.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It is simply to remedy an objection raised by the Auditor General.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: And the Department of Justice.

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

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE AND REPORTED

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Senate went into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Gordon in the Chair.

On section 1—selection and employment of staff:

Hon. Mr. REID: This Bill exempts those to be employed from the Civil Service Act.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes. They were exempted from the outset because the organization had to be a rapid one. The peak was reached when they had 10,000 employees in that Department. They reduced that number to 2,700, and the process of reduction is continuing.

Section 1 was agreed to.

Section 2, the preamble and the title were agreed to.

The Bill was reported.

THIRD READING

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the bill was read the third time, and passed.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

THE SENATE

Friday, July 18, 1924.

FIRST SITTING

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CHINA CLAY-ST. REMI D'AMHERST BRANCH LINE BILL

NON-CONCURRENCE OF COMMONS IN SENATE AMENDMENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER presented a message from the House of Commons as follows:

Resolved, that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honours that this House, while agreeing to their first and second amendments to Bill No. 64, an Act respecting the Construction of a Canadian National Railway Line from the end of China Clay branch to St. Rémi d'Amherst, in the province of Quebec, disagrees to their third amendment for the