

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS GUARANTEE BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved the second reading of Bill 83, an Act respecting the Canadian National Railways and to authorize the guarantee by His Majesty of securities to be issued under the Canadian National Railways Financing Act, 1931.

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

THIRD READING

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

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

SAINT JOHN HARBOUR LOAN BILL

SECOND READING POSTPONED

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved the second reading of Bill 134, an Act to provide for a further loan to the Saint John Harbour Commissioners.

Hon. W. E. FOSTER: Honourable members, in view of the fact that I organized the Saint John Harbour Commission, I should like to make a few remarks on the possibilities of the service that the Saint John harbour can render the shippers of Canada; but, as some question has arisen with regard to the present system of management by local commissions as compared with management by what might be termed a centralized body, and as the Order Paper has been fairly well cleared, I should like, with the consent of the leader of the House, to move the adjournment of the debate until to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: The honourable gentleman does not anticipate any further adjournment?

Hon. Mr. FOSTER: No. To-morrow.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I hope the honourable leader opposite (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) will consent to the third reading being taken to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Has the honourable gentleman any amendment to suggest?

Hon. Mr. FOSTER: No.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I am agreeable then.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Foster, the debate was adjourned.

THREE RIVERS HARBOUR LOAN BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved the second reading of Bill 135, an Act to provide for a further loan to the Three Rivers Harbour Commissioners.

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

THIRD READING

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

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have asked no questions as to the necessity of this loan. Could the honourable gentleman give us some information on that point?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I have no statement in regard to expenditure except the explanatory note in the Bill, which shows the amount of money already invested. The Bill provides for a further loan of \$700,000. Undoubtedly my honourable friend knows the locus very much better than I do. It has been the experience of this House for a very long time that harbour commissions come back from time to time for fresh advances for further harbour developments. The Quebec Harbour Commission has done so on several occasions during the time that I have been in this House, the Montreal Harbour Commission has done likewise, and at the present time there is an application from Saint John. There has been very little reluctance on the part of the Dominion Government at any time to advance credit for the equipment of harbours.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Is it anticipated that the sum mentioned in the Bill will complete the work?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I understand so. My honourable friend to my right (Hon. Mr. Robertson) suggests that these expenditures were all authorized before the present Government came into power, and therefore have been approved.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I can understand the haste to approve of them again.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: Maritime revenues, like those of the railways, have fallen away this year. Three Rivers is a busy little city with a reasonably prosperous future; and while I do not know much about the harbour, I might point out that the amount asked is comparatively small.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Can my honourable friend tell us to what extent the Three Rivers harbour is meeting its obligations?