

Business

A Practical Parliament

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aimed at a few irresponsible publications there being no complaint against the press generally.

The outstanding features of the session have been briefly outlined, but there remains a large number of government bills of secondary importance which must be mentioned in order to convey an adequate idea of the volume of business transacted during the two months the House was at work. Some of the bills were of so technical a character that they need not be mentioned, but the following are worthy of note:—

Railway Equipment and Materials Act: Providing an amount not exceeding \$50,000,000 during the fiscal year for the purchase of equipment and materials for the Canadian railways. Authorizing a judge of the Ex-

Act to amend the Supreme Court Act: Chancery Court or of the Superior Courts of the provinces to sit as a Supreme Court judge in the event of a quorum of the Supreme court being not available. The business of the Supreme court was much delayed last winter because of the illness of Sir Louis Davies and the necessary absence from attendance of Hon. Justice Duff, who is Central Appeal Judge under the Military Service Act. In future there will be an expeditious way of overcoming such a difficulty.

Naval Discipline Act: This bill makes provision for the discipline on the ships of the Canadian Navy, being similar to that of the Imperial Navy and the Australian or New Zealand navies. The bill will have the effect of making officers and men interchangeable.

Amendments to the Yukon Act: This bill gave the government the power to abolish the Yukon council and vest its authority in an administrator. Incidentally Yukon administrative expenditures which had remained up to the high level of former years despite a great reduction in population, were reduced by approximately \$150,000. This bill and demonstration of practically economy have resulted in warm protests from the people of the Yukon but to no effect.

Compensation for injuries to government employees: Providing that dependents of employees of government railways who are killed shall be entitled to the same compensation as other employees under the Compensation Act of the province in which the accident occurs.

Bill to amend the Navigable Waters Protection Act: To prevent the erection of wharves in navigable streams without the consent of the minister of public works.

Salaries Act Amendment: Providing the regular ministerial salaries of \$7,500 per annum for Hon. A. K. MacLennan, vice-chairman of the cabinet committee on reconstruction and Hon. Senator Robertson, chairman of the sub-committee on labor problems.

Meat and Canned Foods Act amendment: The main object of this bill as explained by Hon. T. A. Cramer is to apply the same regulations to imported foodstuffs, in the way of meats and canned goods, as now obtain in regard to similar products manufactured in Canada. The minister illustrated the necessity of this legislation by stating that beef affected with tuberculosis had been slaughtered in the United States and sold in Canada, when it would have been quite impossible for it to have been sold in the United States.

Amendments to the Animal Contagious Diseases Act: Making provision for increased compensation to owners of animals slaughtered by order of the government. Values have increased so materially that owners of animals killed were not receiving a fair measure of compensation.

Industrial Disputes Investigation Act amendment: These amendments did not provide any change in the principle of the act but were framed with a view to its increased efficiency. In future, employees may ask for a board of conciliation after they have gone on a strike or lockout. The minister is given larger powers in deciding when a board of enquiry should be granted.

Organization and co-ordination of employment offices: The purpose of this bill is to encourage the provinces in establishing labor exchanges and to link them up with a "clearing house"



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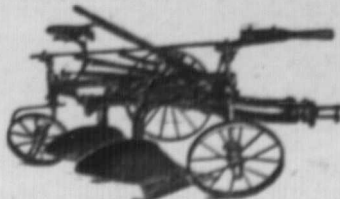
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