

of Quebec by the National Battlefields Commission. It gives them power to expend the funds which they now hold.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill passed through its final stages.

TREATY WITH JAPAN BILL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill No. 224, An Act respecting duties of Customs on importations from Japan.

The Bill was read the first time.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved the second reading of the Bill. He said: For a short time we extend the treaty as we now have it. That is the main object of the Bill, and to provide that there shall be no discriminating duties levied against us. The extension is for two years. The Act is not to be brought into force unless and until the Governor in Council is satisfied that no other or higher duties are or will be imposed, and prohibitions are or will be maintained so long as this Act remains in operation on any article the product or manufacture of Canada.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—There is no reference in this Bill to immigration from Japan.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—Not in this Bill. That, my hon. friend, is aware, is a matter of understanding between the two governments and is not in any formal treaty.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—There is an understanding with the government of Japan that they will limit emigration from Japan. That is not satisfactory.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—It is the best we can do.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Unless you abrogate the treaty altogether. A mistake was made by the present government in becoming a party to that treaty without taking exception to the clause which gives Japan the right to send its people into all parts of the British Empire. The Postmaster General's agree-

ment with the Japanese government is that they are to restrict the number of Japanese who may leave their country, and they control the situation. We have no power to say who shall or shall not come into Canada. In any renewal of the treaty I hope care will be taken to give Canada control in that matter. What we desire in this country is the right to say what class of people shall be admitted within our borders. I do not go so far myself as many people in the western provinces do in desiring to prevent a certain class of people coming into Canada, but there is a principle involved which should not be lost sight of, and that is that Canada should maintain the right to say who shall and who shall not be admitted into the Dominion. When the treaty is renewed two years hence, if the right hon. gentleman should be in power, I hope he will look into that question and if another party should be in power I shall take care to call their attention to it.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I agree in great part with what the hon. gentleman says, but as matters stand we find that the Japanese government have very honourably carried out their agreement with us, and I have no doubt during the short period this Bill covers they will continue to do the same.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill passed through its final stages.

FOREST RESERVES AND PARKS BILL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (No. 85) An Act respecting Forest Reserves and Parks.

The Bill was read the first time.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved the second reading of the Bill. He said: There does not seem to be any special change in this, but if hon. members wish to have the Bill stand I shall not press it. I will give the House a short résumé of the measure. The first six clauses are not changed, except a few words which are in brackets, which show that the parks, as well as what are known as for-