

Chinese Immigration

have a direct bearing on this particular clause but it concerns the bill generally, and shows the very strong feeling of the people of British Columbia upon this question. It is under date of April 7, 1923, and is a resolution that was adopted at a public meeting at Silvertown, British Columbia, which was held to discuss the immigration of orientals into Canada. It reads as follows:

Whereas many orientals make an easy living trafficking in drugs, liquors and vice, and,

Whereas such creatures, having no citizenship in this country, no reputation to lose and no position in the community to maintain, easily lend themselves to the profit of a few disreputable citizens who are thus less subject to detection, and,

Whereas such tolerance is demoralizing to the community and the rising generations.

Therefore, be it resolved that we request the Federal authorities to enact such legislation as will permit local magistrates to order the deportation of such orientals as are known to be a menace to the community.

It is signed by the secretary of the meeting.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I do not like this thought of placing any one official in such a position that the public generally have no opportunity of taking active steps or appealing against his decision. It seems to me that the action of any minister ought to be subject to review by a court, or by some other body in this country. I do not like this kind of legislation that we seem to be passing in one or two instances this year, placing the minister in a position of absolute arbitrary authority.

Section agreed to.

Progress reported.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATION

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that in conformity with instructions given the Speaker on April 26th, I caused the following cablegram to be sent to the Right Hon. Bonar Law, Prime Minister, London:

The Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada presents his duties to Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York, and begs to forward the following resolution which has been unanimously adopted by the House of Commons of Canada:

That this House extends its congratulations to Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York on the occasion of their marriage, and that the expression of the wishes of the Canadian Commons be communicated to Their Royal Highnesses by His Honour the Speaker."

To-day I received the following answer by cablegram:

[Mr. Humphrey.]

Speaker,

House of Commons, Ottawa,

Please convey to the members of the House of Commons of Canada our warm thanks for the resolution of kind congratulations and good wishes which are greatly appreciated.

ALBERT and ELIZABETH.

CANADA HIGHWAYS ACT

Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways) moved that the House go into committee to consider the following resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to bring in a measure to provide that the time within which the various provinces of Canada may earn and be paid the sums allotted to the said provinces under the provisions of The Canada Highways Act, chapter fifty-four of the statutes of 1919 be extended for a further period of two years.

Motion agreed to and House went into committee, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

Mr. STEVENS: Would the minister kindly give the reasons for this legislation, also a statement as to what has been expended and how much the various provinces have taken up of their respective quotas?

Mr. GRAHAM: In 1919 an act was passed by the federal House providing for the payment to the various provinces of \$20,000,000 to aid in the construction of roads. The grant was for a period of five years, which term expires in 1924. It will be necessary, however, for the provinces that are dependent on federal aid to know at this session what aid they can expect in arranging their plans for the years succeeding 1924. Several of the provinces have used up, or will have used up by the end of 1924, the various amounts to which they were entitled under the legislation of 1919. On the other hand, a number of them will not have expended the amounts to which they were entitled. The bill to be based on this resolution will extend the act of 1919 for two years to give those provinces that will not have used up the amount to which they were entitled by the end of 1924 an opportunity, during the next two years, to earn that amount. The amounts practically appropriated for the various provinces under the act of 1919 were as follows:

Province—	Amount
Alberta..	\$1,477,810
British Columbia..	1,251,955
Manitoba..	1,602,265
Nova Scotia..	1,468,720
New Brunswick..	1,163,845
Ontario..	5,877,275
Prince Edward Island..	603,455
Quebec..	4,748,420
Saskatchewan..	1,806,255

Mr. MEIGHEN: The total will be \$25,000,000.