

Much discussion has taken place over the government bill to create a "Department of External Affairs." The intention of the Government is to have a central bureau where all correspondence and despatches with foreign Governments can be received, distributed and, if necessary, answered. There is much to be said in its favour; the chief objection is as to whether or not we have arrived at that grade of nation which requires such a department.

An Insurance bill was introduced last session for the purpose, largely, of inviting discussion before changing the present law. The bill was then fairly well threshed out. This session it has been reintroduced, with many modifications and changes made at the instance of insurance men and others. We fail, however, to find in it much result from the expensive investigation into insurance matters which was had a year ago.

An amendment to the Adulteration Act deals with stock foods, and requires that every package, tag or label shall give the percentage of fat and proteids and the manufacturer's name.

A Government bill respecting agricultural fertilizers requires that every brand shall be registered, and an annual license obtained. Every package or tag shall give the name of the brand, the registration number, the name and address of the manufacturer, and the analysis, for the protection of purchasers. Another bill respecting commercial feeding stuffs, also introduced by the Government, will be of considerable interest to those concerned.

Vessels navigating the inland lakes and coasting waters of Canada are not neglected. The Government will appoint an inspector who is to make a yearly inspection, without which the vessels may not be navigated. Steam yachts, and steamboats used for fishing purposes, over five tons, must carry sufficient life boats, life preservers, etc., in a conspicuous place.

The Minister of the Interior has introduced a new Immigration bill, which is of a much more extended scope than the present Act. The bill is modelled, largely, from the United States Act, as a reference to the notes at the foot of each section indicate. While it is not to be expected that the measure will