

Bill No. 103, for the relief of Georgina Myrtle Potts.—Mr. Mewburn.

Bill No. 104, for the relief of Guy Barrington Hutchings.—Mr. Spence.

Bill No. 107, for the relief of Amy Selain Slater Therrien.—Mr. Jacobs.

Bill No. 108, for the relief of Harold Adrian Proctor.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 109, for the relief of Harry Charles Arthur.—Mr. Martell.

Bill No. 110, for the relief of Tony Bazar.—Mr. LeSueur.

Bill No. 111, for the relief of Gordon Johnston Hutton.—Mr. Stewart (Hamilton).

Bill No. 112, for the relief of Douglas Carlyle Bell.—Mr. Ross (Kingston).

Bill No. 113, for the relief of Elma Catheryne Caulfield.—Mr. Ross (Kingston).

Bill No. 114, for the relief of Alice Bertha Boyce Baker.—Mr. Spence.

Bill No. 115, for the relief of John Lee Williamson.—Mr. Church.

Bill No. 123, for the relief of Nora Pearce.—Mr. Boys.

Bill No. 124, for the relief of Albert Francis Ray.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 125, for the relief of Irene Mildred Jeffrey.—Mr. Boys.

Bill No. 126, for the relief of Florence Mitchell.—Mr. Martell.

Bill No. 131, for the relief of Ruth Ethelind Jackes.—Mr. Ryckman.

Bill No. 132, for the relief of Wilfrid John Mitchell.—Mr. Simpson.

Bill No. 133, for the relief of Edward James Bentley.—Mr. Sheard.

Bill No. 134, for the relief of Elizabeth Sylvia Cameron.—Mr. Ross (Kingston).

Bill No. 135, for the relief of Wilhelmina Aird McKay.—Mr. Preston.

Bill No. 136, for the relief of Mary Ellen McClelland.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 137, for the relief of Annie Jane Bridges.—Mr. Harris.

Bill No. 138, for the relief of Florence Rathbun.—Mr. Thurston.

Bill No. 139, for the relief of William Samuel Morrow.—Mr. Stewart (Leeds).

Bill No. 140, for the relief of Ethel May Macdonald.—Mr. Church.

Bill No. 141, for the relief of Stanley George Harris.—Mr. Sheard.

Bill No. 144, for the relief of Evelyn Eira Awrey.—Mr. Stewart (Hamilton).

#### SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 167 to amend the Act to incorporate the Board of the Presbyterian College, Halifax.—Mr. Duff.

Bill No. 168 for the relief of James Koniaris.—Mr. Wallace.

#### CUSTOMS TARIFF, 1907, AMENDMENT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Hon. J. A. Robb for the third reading of Bill No. 127, to amend the Customs Tariff, 1907.

Mr. MANION: Mr. Speaker, when the House rose at six o'clock I was pointing out to the House that the imports of iron and other products which we ourselves could produce, and which we had in large proportion in this country, amounted to a very large sum. I have since looked up the figures, and although I unfortunately have been unable to get the figures for last year, I find that two or three years ago the imports of coal amounted to \$70,000,000, of oil to \$46,000,000, and of iron and its products to \$175,000,000, in round figures. These figures may vary somewhat from year to year, but roughly speaking they would represent the average annual importation. When we consider that we have in this country the second largest coal deposits in the world, the United States only having deposits greater than ours, it seems ridiculous that we should import coal to this amount. Of course, it is true that due to transportation difficulties the coal of the West and the coal of the East is found difficult to be brought into the central part of Canada. At the same time, I am one of those who would be perfectly willing to see some method worked out whereby the people of Canada generally would be able to give some bonus, if necessary, in the shape of freight rates, on, say, the coal of western Canada being brought to the East, and the coal of eastern Canada being brought westward, so that we would be able to correct to a certain extent our adverse balance with the United States as shown in the figures I have just mentioned. I know that last year in my home city we used a great deal of coal from the prairie provinces, and it was very satisfactory. I am entirely of the opinion that we have been pursuing a wrong policy in using anthracite coal where we might have been using our own softer coals. I believe that that, among other things, has been helping to make our cost of living higher. It is another instance, as Jim Hill once said, of the high cost of living being due to the cost of high living.

So far as coal is concerned I think we might well consider the payment of a bonus through railway rates so that eastern and western Canadian coal could be brought to the central part of Canada. There is a crying need for that.