

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: On the motion for third reading the Bill should have its correct title.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

DIVORCE BILLS

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Divorce, presented the following Bills, which were severally read the first, second and third times, and passed on division:

Bill M2, an Act for the relief of Norah Clara Simson Warden.

Bill Q2, an Act for the relief of Evelyn McCaughan McBride.

Bill R2, an Act for the relief of Marie Liette Fortier Mickles.

Bill S2, an Act for the relief of Cecile Snyder Rashback.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE

On the motion to adjourn:

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I desire to remind honourable members that the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours is to meet as soon as the House rises.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Friday, April 2, 1937.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

SUPREME COURT BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 78, an Act to amend the Supreme Court Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

LAW CLERK OF THE SENATE

RESOLUTION

Hon. Mr. RAOUL DANDURAND: Honourable senators, during the closing days of the session of 1935 arrangements were made with the Civil Service Commission to exempt from the provisions of the Civil Service Act the position of Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel of the Senate, and a few days later the Senate agreed to the appointment of Mr. W. F.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK.

O'Connor, K.C., at a salary of \$6,000 per annum, and an Order in Council was passed authorizing payment. It is the opinion of the Civil Service Commission that the Senate should confirm that Order in Council by resolution. I therefore move:

Resolved that the Senate do approve of Order in Council No. 3015, dated September 25, 1935, fixing the annual salary of Mr. W. F. O'Connor, K.C., Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel of the Senate, at six thousand dollars per annum from July 5, 1935.

This is simply a confirmation of what we have done. We could perhaps adopt it now.

The resolution was agreed to.

FOREIGN ENLISTMENT BILL

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Senate went into Committee on Bill 23, an Act respecting Foreign Enlistment.

Hon. Mr. Robinson in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I would suggest that if any honourable senator has any amendments in mind he should direct attention to the clauses affected, so that we may adopt the other clauses without discussion.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: I wish to make just a general observation. There are a number of Imperial statutes in force in Canada, some of which are not unrelated to this measure, and they should be looked into by the law officers. My recollection is that the Army Act and the Mutiny Act, among a number of others, are applicable to Canada. All the law contained in the King's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian militia is largely from Imperial statutes. I suggest our law officers should ascertain what Imperial legislation, particularly such as deals with military matters, applies to this country, and revamp it to suit our needs. Unless that is done we may find ourselves in some difficulties in the event of an emergency. The matter could probably be attended to during the coming recess of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I understand that an inquiry along that line will be started by some officers of the Department of Justice and of the Department of External Affairs. I was surprised to hear that there are perhaps 100 or 150 Imperial Acts which are still effective with regard to the dominions and which it is necessary for our own Parliament to appropriate. I understand the intention is to have the inquiry completed before next session, though I am not sure that will be possible.

Should we report the Bill?