

# House of Commons Debates

## FOURTH SESSION—TENTH PARLIAMENT

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, April 6, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

#### MEAT AND CANNED FOODS ACT AMENDMENT.

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 149) to amend the Meat and Canned Foods Act. He said: This is a Bill to make some small amendments in the Meat and Canned Foods Act of last session. The amendments are slight and are intended to make the Act more workable. I do not think it worth while to go into details now.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### INSPECTION AND SALE ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. FISHER moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 148) to amend the Inspection and Sale Act. He said: This is to make some slight amendments in the Fruit Marks Act and also with regard to the Dairy Acts, which under the revised statutes are now incorporated under the Inspection and Sale Act. I think it better to leave the details until the House has the printed Bill.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### CANNED GOODS ACT AMENDMENT.

Mr. FISHER moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 147) to repeal the Canned Goods Act. He said: This is an old Act which has become obsolete and which is never acted upon. The Meat and Canned Foods Act provides for everything that is covered in this Canned Goods Act but there are a few details in which the two appear to conflict. Therefore, after consultation with the Justice Department, it was decided that the best course was to repeal the old Act.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

#### FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 150) to amend the Yukon Placer Mining Act.—Mr. Oliver.

#### MANITOBA BOUNDARY EXTENSION.

On the orders of the day being called.

Mr. W. J. ROCHE. Before the orders of the day are called, I would ask the government when we may expect the Bill to provide for the extension of the boundaries of the province of Manitoba?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). The matter is engaging the attention of the government, but in the absence of the Prime Minister I would not like to make a definite statement.

#### INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS AND REPORTS.

Mr. WORTHINGTON. When may we expect the returns respecting drill sheds asked for on December 11?

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works). I shall make inquiry and let my hon. friend know, probably to-morrow. I may say that all returns moved for are in course of preparation and are being prepared as rapidly as possible.

Mr. BERGERON. I would ask if the report of the Civil Service Commission is being translated into French and being printed concurrently with the English edition?

Mr. FIELDING. The clerk of the House informs me that the translation does not take place until after the printing is done. I take it for granted the usual course will be pursued, as with all other public documents.

Mr. FOSTER. What is the number it is proposed to print? I noticed in a paper an intimation that 2,000 had been ordered by the Printing Committee; that would scarcely give half a dozen each. Every man's life will be made miserable if he does not get more than that. I would suggest that the Printing Committee see that a good supply is printed.

Mr. FIELDING. I have no doubt the attention of the Printing Committee will be drawn to my hon. friend's question. It is not a matter in which the government presume to give any directions. Attention was drawn to the same point on Friday, and I presume it is engaging the attention of the Printing Committee.