

problem has been solved, that a long step has been made forward, and that a valuable educational lesson has been taught. It will strengthen self-reliance; it will strengthen independence; it will encourage and reward forethought and self-denial; and these, in my judgment, are qualities which are indispensable to the formation of any strong national character. Without these neither men nor nations have achieved permanent greatness, and anything that we or the government can do to foster such results at least deserves serious consideration.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—I merely desire to suggest that in order that we may the better appreciate the brilliant remarks which have been made by the right hon. gentleman, the draft Bill be placed with the minister's speech either at the beginning or the end of his remarks, so that we will be better able to follow them.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I will have pleasure in complying with the request.

THE DRAFT BILL.

An Act to authorize the issue of Government Annuities for Old Age.

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Government Annuities Act, 190 .
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) ' Minister ' means the Minister of Trade and Commerce, or such other minister as may be appointed by the Governor in Council to administer this Act;
 - (b) ' government annuity ' means an annuity issued under the provisions of this Act;
 - (c) ' annuitant ' means a person in receipt of or entitled to the receipt of a government annuity.