

called to the attention of the Parliamentary Counsel of the Senate and a more extensive amendment made, for the wording of the original clause is utterly absurd.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Our attention is directed simply to clause 2.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I am under the impression that legislation which will come before us touching the administration of our ports will tend to modify or suppress all these clauses concerning harbour commissions; so the matter is of little consequence.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: I understand that this all relates to Ontario. What about provincial rights?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: They do not include harbours.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Bottoms of rivers and lakes do not belong to the provinces.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The management of the harbours is federal. Does Toronto harbour come under the new legislation? I am not certain.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No, it does not.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I hardly thought so. Consequently it might be worth our while to make some sort of sightly specimen of this clause when we are at the job.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: The Government does not guarantee the Toronto bonds.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: No; Toronto pays its way.

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I had intended moving this Bill into Committee of the Whole to-day, but in view of the suggestion of my right honourable friend I will move that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours.

The motion was agreed to.

DIVORCE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Hon. Mr. McMEANS, Chairman of the Committee on Divorce, presented the following Bills, which were severally read the first time:

Bill I, an Act for the relief of Sonya Shenkman, otherwise known as Sadie Shenkman.

Bill J, an Act for the relief of Louisa Markland Molson Blaiklock.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN.

Bill K, an Act for the relief of Rita Constance Beatrice Gurd Rykert.

Bill L, an Act for the relief of Helen Elizabeth Ham Lilley.

Bill M, an Act for the relief of Mary Kaydouh Massabky.

Bill N, an Act for the relief of Dora Louise Gustiana York.

Bill O, an Act for the relief of Violet Charlotte Dyke Duiven.

Bill P, an Act for the relief of Irene Louise Penny McKee.

Bill Q, an Act for the relief of Esther Shapiro.

Bill R, an Act for the relief of Thomas John Howard Fox.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING

Bill S, an Act to incorporate the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Canada.—Hon. Mr. Laird.

CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 13, an Act respecting a certain trade agreement between Canada and the United States of America.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I am in the hands of the House, but as we have very little on the Order Paper for to-morrow I believe we could take the second reading of this Bill then. I shall try to be ready to explain the Bill, about which I suppose a few members have heard a great deal lately, and then we may proceed to pursue the discussion to a finality. Therefore, if there is no objection, I move, seconded by Right Hon. Mr. Graham, that the Bill be put down for second reading to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

SALARY DEDUCTION (CONTINUANCE) BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 15, an Act to provide for deduction from compensation in the public service.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

INCOME WAR TAX BILL (SPECIAL TAX)

FIRST READING

Bill 16, an Act to amend the Income War Tax Act (Special Tax).—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

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