

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The Deputy could not. But in the absence from Ottawa of both the Minister and an Acting Minister, then the Deputy could act. The point raised by my right honourable friend would be more applicable to the amendment as worded by the House of Commons. The Acting Minister will always be competent under the amendment.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: But there would have to be an Order in Council appointing an Acting Minister in any special circumstances. Suppose a deputation arrived here with an appointment to meet a Minister, who was taken suddenly ill. Nothing could be done until the Cabinet appointed an Acting Minister.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: No. All that is involved because of the stand taken by the pilots.

Hon. Mr. HORSEY: I think the amendment made by the House of Commons to paragraph 12 of section 1 of the Bill is better without the change in wording suggested by the right honourable gentleman. The intention is to state that the Act shall come into force by proclamation.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I believe that unless there is a provision to the contrary an Act comes into effect when approved by the three estates of the realm, that is, after it has passed both Houses and received the assent of the Governor General. When it is desired that this result shall not follow it is necessary to say that the Act shall not come into effect until a date to be fixed by proclamation.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Or to name a date.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes, or to state that the Act shall not come into force until a specified date.

The motion was agreed to.

It was ordered:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons to return the Bill (C1) intituled: "An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act," and to acquaint that House that the Senate have substituted other amendments for the amendments made by the House of Commons to the said Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 23, at 8 p.m.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, May 23, 1933.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General, acquainting him that the Right Hon. Lyman P. Duff, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber this day at 8.15 p.m. for the purpose of giving the Royal Assent to certain Bills.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The Right Hon. Lyman P. Duff, the Deputy of the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned, and being come with their Speaker, the Right Hon. the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills:

An Act respecting the Canadian National Railways and to authorize the provision of moneys to meet expenditures made and indebtedness incurred during the calendar year 1933 and to authorize His Majesty to make loans and advances to the Canadian National Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Railway Act.

An Act to amend the Excise Act.

An Act to amend the Customs Act.

An Act to amend the Soldier Settlement Act.

An Act to authorize the Governor in Council to agree to extend by proclamation the duration of the Trade Agreement made between Canada and New Zealand, dated the twenty-third day of April, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, as approved by chapter thirty-four of the Statutes of 1932, entitled An Act respecting a certain Trade Agreement between Canada and New Zealand.

An Act respecting Extra-territorial Operation of Acts of the Parliament of Canada.

An Act respecting the Canadian National Railways and to provide for co-operation with the Canadian Pacific Railway system, and for other purposes.

An Act for the relief of Birdie Glickman Steinberg.

An Act for the relief of Harry Prupas.

An Act for the relief of Olga Shidlowskaya Lowrey.

An Act for the relief of Emily Florence Lawrence Knight.

An Act for the relief of Marjorie Bertha Willcox.

An Act for the relief of George Andrew Carruthers.

An Act for the relief of Lillias Torrance Newton.