

*Criminal Code*

Bill No. 117, for the relief of Maurice Amé-dee Tremblay.—Mr. Jacobs.

## CRIMINAL CODE

PROVISION AGAINST REFUSAL TO EMPLOY OR  
DISMISSAL OF EMPLOYEES FOR MEMBERSHIP  
IN TRADE UNIONS

On the order:

Second reading of Bill No. 62, an act to amend the criminal code—Mr. Woodsworth:

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): I oppose this bill, Mr. Speaker. Only such bills as are not opposed can be gone on with, and therefore this one cannot be considered.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I am at a loss to know how the Minister of Justice—

Mr. SPEAKER: Order. I call the hon. member's attention to the fact that a resolution was adopted by this house, last week I believe, which provided that all these bills would stand except those that were unopposed.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: It can hardly be said that anyone is opposed to the bill until the mover has had a chance to explain it. This is high-handed. The position I now take was taken a few nights ago by an hon. member supporting the government.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): If I were in order, I should be pleased to give my reasons for opposing this bill. I simply say that having read the bill I am opposed to it. Indeed, I contend that it would be invalid if adopted, for parliament has no right to pass such a bill. It is colourable legislation; under cover of an amendment to the criminal code it interferes with the rights of the provinces. I cannot discuss it seeing that it is opposed, and I do not see why it should be proceeded with when the others are not.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: The other day the member for New Westminster (Mr. Reid) was allowed to present his bill, although the resolution to which you refer, Mr. Speaker, had already been passed. I submit that it is hardly fair to discriminate in this way. Had the member for New Westminster not gone on with his bill, mine would have been reached. It is not fair that a member supporting the government should be allowed to go on with his bill, even though it is opposed, when this privilege is denied someone else.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Even that is not right. The bill submitted by the hon. member for New Westminster was not opposed. The minister discussed it for two minutes but did not say whether he was opposing it or not. So that my hon. friend is not right.

Mr. SPEAKER: Stand.

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On the order:

Second reading of Bill No. 100, an act to amend the Civil Service Act—Mr. Pouliot.

Mr. POULIOT: I move the second reading of the bill.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Opposed.

On the order:

Resuming debate on the motion of Mr. Reid for the second reading of Bill No. 16, to amend the Railway Act (rates on grain).

Mr. GOLDING: I had something to say—

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Opposed.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Opposed.

## INDUSTRIAL LOAN AND FINANCE CORPORATION

The house resumed from Tuesday, March 30, consideration in committee of Bill No. 57, respecting Industrial Loan and Finance Corporation—Mr. Vien—Mr. Sanderson in the chair.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Opposed.

And the Speaker having resumed the chair:

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Mr. Speaker, you promptly left the chair when the order for this bill was called. Some of us oppose it.

Mr. LAPOINTE (Quebec East): Because the whole list had been gone over.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: This procedure cannot be permitted. We cannot slip things over in that way. This bill was called and it stood, this very night. Under the rules of the house we cannot revert to it to-night without the unanimous consent of the house.

Mr. VIEN: I rise to a point of order. The rule under which we are now proceeding is that from eight to nine o'clock the time shall be reserved for private bills, but under the amendment to that rule which was passed the other day the right of way is given to such public bills and orders as are not opposed.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: This is opposed.

Mr. VIEN: We may revert to private bills when the list of public bills is disposed of.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: On the point of order, I submit that there is no possibility of reverting without the unanimous consent of the house.

Mr. VIEN: We revert to private bills when the order of public bills and orders has been exhausted.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: On a point of order, I submit there is no possibility of reverting without the unanimous consent of the house. That is the first point.