

**SUPPLY BILL—THIRD READING.**

On motion of Sir Thomas White (Minister of Finance), Bill No. 128, for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1918, was read the second time, considered in committee, reported, read the third time, and passed.

**GAME IN NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.**

Hon. W. J. ROCHE (Minister of Interior) moved concurrence in certain amendments made by the Senate to Bill No. 100, respecting game in the Northwest Territories of Canada.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: This Bill is very technical. I suppose the amendments have been made for a purpose. Are they satisfactory to the minister?

Mr. ROCHE: Yes.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: The only important change is the amendment in section 4 changing the close season for the hunting and killing of moose, deer and mountain goats. I presume my hon. friend has looked into the matter and is satisfied that the period suggested is preferable to the one contained in the Bill as it passed this House.

Mr. ROCHE: The officials of my department assure me that it is all right.

Mr. OLIVER: Would the minister state shortly the effect of this amendment?

Mr. ROCHE: The difference made by the amendment is this: in our paragraph (a) of section 4, we have the following arrangements for the close season: moose, caribou, deer, mountain sheep and mountain goats between the 1st day of April and the 15th day of July and between the 1st day of October and the 1st day of December. The Senate have amended that so that the close season is:

Moose, deer, and mountain goat between the 1st day of April and the 1st day of September.

That is, they are extending the time from the 15th of July to the 1st of September. As regards caribou and mountain sheep, they are adding to the close season already provided for in the Bill, the period from the 1st of April to the 1st of August.

Amendments concurred in.

**SUPPLY.**

The House in Committee of Supply, Mr. Rainville in the Chair.

Trade and Commerce—Imperial Year Book of Canada, \$4,000.

Mr. MURPHY: Will the minister explain what this publication is?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: This publication, which is now in its third edition, is called The Imperial Year Book because it publishes statistics of the whole Empire. If my hon. friend has seen either of the two previous editions he will appreciate the completeness and scope of the work. The third edition, a book of about six hundred pages, is now in the press and will soon be ready for distribution. I have seen a good many of these year books, but this is one of the fullest and most complete of which I have knowledge. In all, 7,500 copies are to be issued. Of these, we issue 2,500 copies under our own direction, and the others are issued under the advisement of the Government; that is, a list is submitted to the Government for its approval.

Mr. MURPHY: Did we purchase copies of the previous issues?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes.

Mr. MURPHY: Who publishes it?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: The author of it is in Montreal. The soul and body of the work is Mr. Southall. The book has been very highly commended, and I have received numerous requests that we should help it through this war year, which, of course, is a pretty difficult year. A number of copies will be sent to our consuls and trade commissioners for distribution to such bodies as they see fit. Boards of trade, chambers of commerce, libraries and similar institutions, both in the English-speaking world and outside, but mainly in the English-speaking world, will receive copies of the book. Altogether, I think this is an appropriation which will be exceedingly useful in its results.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I must confess that I am ignorant of this book. I do not know whether a copy has ever reached me. Is it a book of statistics on the British Empire?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Purely statistical from beginning to end.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Relating to trade navigation and commerce, etc.?

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Yes. It touches every department of our administrative work.

Mr. MURPHY: Is it printed at the Printing Bureau?