

*Shantung Christian University*

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I should like to know how far we have power to establish a university in China.

Mr. COPP: I am not in charge of the bill, nor am I the promoter of it; but we are not doing anything which we have not power to do. We are passing this measure just so far as our power goes.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: We should hold this section until some hon. member is present who can tell us something about it.

Section agreed to.

On section 11—Affiliation.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I object to passing this clause which deals with a matter concerning which we have no information whatever. We need not be over zealous in regard to Canadian universities or institutions; but here we are chartering an institution that undoubtedly will have a certain standing in Canada, as soon as it is given a charter. We have no information as to the academic standing they propose to maintain. I remember about a year ago an institution in Canada called the Frontier College came to this parliament asking for a charter which would give it university standing. The bill was referred to the Private Bills committee, and the request was refused after a very full discussion. Here we have an institution concerning which we know very little and which seems to be in rather an anomalous position.

Mr. NEILL: Unless some hon. member will sponsor the bill, I will move, if the hon. member will second it, that the committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I think a member of the Justice department should be here to assure us that the bill has passed the department, in so far as the competence of parliament is concerned. With respect to the objection raised by the hon. member, speaking only within my own experience and information, it is not uncommon for the parliament of Canada to incorporate institutions to carry on their labours or their enterprises in other countries. Canada indeed has to-day business companies who are carrying on great undertakings in South America, Mexico and even in Spain, I believe. It is not an unusual thing. As to incorporating a university for purposes of work mainly in China, I presume it is merely for the purpose of putting into concrete form the activities of these religious bodies in respect to missionary and educational work in China. It merely gives them

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the advantage of a corporate body here as their means of organization in this country. Beyond this purpose I do not know of any purpose that is served. Consequently, I see no reason why the bill should not proceed; but I think someone should be here to assure us that in all respects it has passed the Justice department.

Progress reported.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—  
THIRD READINGS

Bill No. 184, for the relief of Gordon Allingham.—Mr. Chew.

Bill No. 193, for the relief of Alfred Edward Briggs.—Mr. Simpson.

Bill No. 194, for the relief of Louisa Elizabeth Smith.—Mr. Martell.

Bill No. 196, for the relief of Annie Thirde.—Mr. Hocken.

Bill No. 200, for the relief of Florence Castle.—Mr. Duff.

Bill No. 201, for the relief of Francis Hadenka.—Mr. Duff.

Bill No. 202, for the relief of Louis Powell.—Sir Henry Drayton.

Bill No. 203, for the relief of Margaret Johnston.—Mr. Hocken.

Bill No. 204, for the relief of Hilda Girdler.—Mr. Harris.

Bill No. 205, for the relief of Janet Ferguson.—Mr. Ross (Kingston).

Bill No. 206, for the relief of Charles Whitaker.—Mr. Duff.

Bill No. 207, for the relief of Arthur Robert Ascough.—Mr. Preston.

Bill No. 208, for the relief of Albert Joseph Phillips.—Mr. Harris.

Bill No. 209, for the relief of Patience Oldfield.—Mr. Duff.

Bill No. 210, for the relief of Elizabeth Atkinson.—Mr. Duff.

SECOND READING

Bill No. 211, for the relief of Gerald Arthur Johnson.—Mr. Chew.

SUPPLY

PUBLIC WORKS

The House again in committee of Supply, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

Public works—Yarmouth harbour—Dredging, \$22,000.

Mr. STEVENS: Will the minister explain this item?

Mr. KING (Kootenay): This is to complete the removal of 14,251 cubic yards at a cost of \$1.45 a yard and it is the completion of a contract entered into a year ago.