

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I object to the Bill being read before I have a copy of it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The Bill says:

"War Charity Fund" means any fund having for its objects or among its objects the supplying of needs or comforts or the relief of suffering or distress for the benefit of the personnel of the armed forces of Canada or the families or dependents of any of them or of any other sufferers from the present war, or any other charitable purpose connected with the war.

2. (1) It shall be an offence under this Act,

(a) directly or indirectly to solicit or make any appeal to the public for donations or subscriptions in money or in kind for any War Charity Fund, or to raise or attempt to raise money for any War Charity Fund by promoting or conducting any bazaar, sale, entertainment or exhibition, or by soliciting for advertising or by any other means, unless the War Charity Fund is registered under this Act;

(b) to make or attempt to make any collection for any War Charity Fund unless with the authorization in writing of the officer duly designated in accordance with paragraph (d) of subsection two of section four of this Act to authorize collections for such War Charity Fund;

(2) This Section shall not apply to any collection at Divine Service in a place of public worship;

3. (1) The Minister, on application of any person, association or institution under whose auspices it is proposed to raise a War Charities Fund, may grant registration thereof upon his being satisfied:—

(a) that adequate provision has been made for its establishment and control in accordance with such regulations as may be made from time to time under the authority of section eight of this Act;

(b) that there is reason to believe that its specific purpose is not already satisfied;

(c) that the application for registration is made in good faith;

(2) The Minister shall keep a register of all War Charities Funds.

I had forgotten about the legislation of 1917, but I now remember that all kinds of organizations were springing up. They had to be controlled, and legislation similar to this was enacted for the protection of the public. I should think my right honourable friend would remember that legislation.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes, quite well.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think it is absolutely necessary to prevent some evilly disposed persons from taking advantage of the

emotions created by war and devising various schemes to raise money, not all of which would reach the persons to whom it was apparently destined.

If my right honourable friend has no objection, I will move the second reading of the Bill.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN: We might give the Bill second reading now and take third reading to-morrow.

Bills are coming over here at the rate of one a minute. I cannot understand it at all. It is utterly absurd. I do not like, and I am sure other honourable members do not like, to see this House passing legislation which we have had no opportunity to read. Why there should be such a rush in the Commons to get home I cannot imagine. I think we should sit to-morrow and thoroughly study all these measures, no matter what the Commons may want.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Shall we take the second reading now?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: And the third reading to-morrow. We certainly should have a Bill of this kind.

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

EXCESS PROFITS TAX BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 12, the Excess Profits Tax Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Is my right honourable friend agreeable to our giving second reading to-night?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: This is another important measure which might better be left over until our next sitting. We are apparently expected to legislate en masse.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Second reading at the next sitting.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10.30 a.m.