

Mr. ADSHEAD: Section 4 refers to order in council No. 1206 of June 7, 1922, and I would like to ask the sponsor if he would not consent to this bill being amended in order to include the terms of Bill No. 49 recently passed through the house.

Mr. GRAY: As I understand it, Bill No. 49 has not yet become law. I have no objection to the amendment suggested but I am instructed by the Solicitor General (Mr. Cannon), that this bill should pass and the change could be made when Bill No. 49 becomes law.

Section agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

SECOND READINGS

Bill No. 61, for the relief of Herbert Chick.—Mr. Black (Yukon).

Bill No. 62, for the relief of Albert Edward Saunders.—Mr. Young (Toronto Northeast).

Bill No. 63, for the relief of Marjorie Gladys Picken.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 65, for the relief of Raymond Garbutt Little.—Mr. Garland (Carleton).

Bill No. 67, for the relief of Florence Isabel Naughton.—Mr. Stinson.

Bill No. 68, for the relief of Lucy Beryl Marshall.—Mr. Black (Yukon).

Bill No. 76, for the relief of Kathleen Mary Davies.—Mr. Thorson.

On division.

FOREST FIRES IN NOVA SCOTIA

On the orders of the day:

Mr. W. G. ERNST (Queens-Lunenburg): I should like to direct the attention of the government to the fact that forest fires have been raging through the southern part of Nova Scotia, not only in the county of Yarmouth and Shelburne represented by the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Ralston), but even in worse form in the county of Queens and now, I believe, in the county of Lunenburg. In Queens about 150 people have been rendered homeless and desolate. Relief associations have been formed and the provincial government has made contributions. The city of Halifax and some of the towns and municipalities throughout the province have also made substantial contributions. I should like to ask the government to take under consideration the question of affording substantial relief in connection with this situation. There is a precedent for assistance being given because some years ago it was done in the case of Jamaica.

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): Unfortunately the Prime Minister is not yet in his seat, but I will call his attention to the matter.

IMPORTATION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. A. A. HEAPS (North Winnipeg): I have a question I should like to put to the Minister of Finance, but as he is not in his seat I shall content myself with asking the question of the Minister of National Revenue. I have had several complaints from Winnipeg with reference to the new duties on fruits and vegetables. According to reports I have received, the increases average from 29 per cent to 386 per cent. I should like to know whether these increases which have been put into effect by the Department of National Revenue, are exactly in accordance with the new tariff schedules?

Hon. W. D. EULER (Minister of National Revenue): My attention has also been drawn to an item which appeared, I think, in the Winnipeg Tribune, stating that the department is collecting both specific and ad valorem duties on fruits and vegetables. I would like to say for the information of the house that that is absolutely incorrect. As the house knows, the duties collected are either specific or ad valorem, and that is being carried out now. As regards other statements, we are making investigations, but I think I may assure the house that whatever duty is being collected is being collected under the new schedules.

CIVIL SERVICE

MINIMUM SALARY OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS A MONTH

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. B. ADSHEAD (East Calgary): I have a telegram from the Amalgamated Civil Servants, Calgary. I should like to ask the government whether they intend this year to put into effect the \$100 minimum for civil servants?

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Minister of Justice): I will bring the matter to the attention of the leader of the government.

NEW ZEALAND TREATY— CORRESPONDENCE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Leader of the Opposition): It has been customary to table the correspondence dealing with tariff items and in the particular instance to which I direct attention, namely, the New Zealand treaty which, according to the statement made by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Dunning), is to be abrogated on October 12 next, we should have before us the correspondence. It will expedite the discussions in committee if the