

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

Mr. SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read the second time?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Now, if hon. gentlemen have no objection.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Proceed.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Then, Mr. Speaker, I move that the Bill be read the second time.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time, and the House went into Committee thereon, Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

On clause 1—Powers of Board of Railway Commissioners with respect to coal and other fuel supplies.

Mr. BUREAU: I saw a draft of the Bill, which said, "with the consent of the Governor in Council". Is that the only change now?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: That is the only change.

Mr. MACLEAN (York): What provision is there in this amendment or in the general Act for the full enforcement of the decrees of the Board of Railway Commissioners? As a matter of fact, is there in the Act, as it now exists, power in the commission to enforce the decrees and to see that they are carried out?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The power conferred upon the Board of Railway Commissioners by this Bill are, in my judgment, of so wide and comprehensive a character that regulations or orders made by the board will have the force of law.

Mr. MACLEAN (York): I have heard it stated in this House before that cases have arisen which showed that the board lacked any real power of enforcing its decrees. I have frequently pointed out in this House that although from time to time we legislate in this direction and appoint commissions of this character, we do not make the legislation sufficiently strong to ensure the enforcement of the regulations which those commissions may make. In the United States, in all important measures of this kind, they provide not only that a commission shall have the power to do so and so but that it shall be the duty of the Attorney General of the United States—and I think the same ought to be the case in this country—to enforce the Act. All the powers of the board itself ought to be clearly defined so that there would be no

mistake as to its authority to enforce its decrees and orders.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I shall take into consideration the suggestion of my hon. friend and get in touch with the chairman of the board to ascertain whether, in his judgment—he is conversant with the whole matter—any additional provision should be inserted. If it should be deemed necessary that provision could possibly be inserted during its passage through the Senate.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

INCREASE IN JUDGES' SALARIES.

Rt. Hon. CHARLES DOHERTY (Minister of Justice) moved that the House go into committee on the following proposed resolution:

Resolved that it is expedient to amend the Judges Act, chapter 138 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, and to provide:—

1. That paragraph (a) of section 2 be amended to provide that "judge" as applied to a Superior Court included the Chief Justice and the President, and as applied to County Courts includes a junior judge.

2. That the salaries of the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada shall be increased to the following amounts:—

	Per annum.
"(a) The Chief Justice of Canada	\$15,000
"(b) Five puisne judges, each	12,000

3. That the salaries of the judges of the Exchequer Court of Canada shall be increased to the following amounts:—

	Per annum.
"(a) The President of the Exchequer Court of Canada	\$10,000
"(b) One puisne judge	9,000

and that there be only one puisne judge of the said Court.

4. That the salaries of the judges of the Supreme Court of Ontario shall be increased to the following amounts:—

	Per annum.
"(a) The Chief Justice of Ontario	\$10,000
"(b) Four Justices of Appeal, each	9,000
"(c) The Chief Justice of the Exchequer	10,000
"(d) The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas	210,000
"(e) Twelve judges of the High Court Division, each	9,000

and that upon a vacancy occurring in the office of the Chief Justice of the Exchequer Division or in the office of Chief Justice of the Common Pleas the salary of such Chief Justice shall cease and the number of salaries for the judges of the High Court shall be increased to thirteen, and after both of the said offices have become vacant, the salaries of the judges of the High Court Division shall be as follows:—

	Per annum.
"(c) The Chief Justice of the High Court	\$10,000
"(d) Thirteen judges of the High Court Division, each	9,000