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Mr. DURANLEAU: There are certain parts of the act which are international and other parts which deal with coasting trade. By the adoption of our shipping legislation we have taken the lead and at the present time the other dominions have our act under study and are preparing their own legislation. So far as the international parts of the act are concerned, we have to await the adoption of similar laws in other parts of the empire. As to those parts dealing with coastal trade we hope to have them in force very soon. The matter is now under consideration.

Mr. REID: Does that apply to tackle inspection?

Mr. DURANLEAU: Yes.

Mr. BROWN: Two years ago the government was anxious to pass a bill respecting lake shipping. If the matter was so important two years ago it would seem strange that up to the present time the act has not become effective.

Mr. CASGRAIN: Just like the 1930 promises.

Mr. DURANLEAU: That part affecting our own shipping will be in force very soon.

Mr. HANSON (Skeena): I should like to ask the minister a question regarding an application sent in from the shipping interests of British Columbia respecting navigation lights at Whey Point. Last year I mentioned the matter to the minister, and this year I have the minister's letter indicating that the light will be installed this summer. The fishing fleets are now operating at the north end of Queen Charlotte islands, and we are wondering when we may expect the lighthouse to be erected. The minister has given his word that the navigation lights will be installed. When may we expect the work to be done?

Mr. DURANLEAU: I cannot say offhand when the hon. member may expect the light to be installed. I assume the work will be done very soon. I shall be pleased to take note of the hon. member's remarks and shall report to him when he may expect the installation.

Mr. HANSON (Skeena): I have already received a letter indicating the intention of the government to do the work in the present season. The shipping interests out there would like to know when they may expect it and for that reason I should like the minister to look into the matter.

[Mr Reid.]

Mr. CASGRAIN: Has any part of the Canada Shipping Act passed last year been put into effect by order in council?

Mr. DURANLEAU: Not yet.

Mr. CASGRAIN: There is a provision in the act under which the government may by order in council put certain parts into effect. I was wondering if the minister had been approached by interests from Montreal and Quebec asking to have certain parts of the act enforced.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I believe the act states that any part of it may become effective after publication in the official gazette, and I believe requests to that effect have been received from pilots.

Mr. CASGRAIN: No parts of the act have been put into force?

Mr. DURANLEAU: Not up to this date, but the matter is under consideration.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Surely the inspection of tackle and other like matters is not international and action in connection with them should not be held over until other nations may make decisions. Six or eight years ago I brought to the attention of the house conditions which existed in western ports. The municipalities apparently had no control over the inspection and we could not get any control because of this act which has been promised for so many years. I would ask the minister why that kind of thing should be held for international action.

Mr. DURANLEAU: I have already told the committee that the legislation of other dominions does not affect such parts of the act as concern only our coasting trade, such as the inspection of tackle. It is simply a question of deciding which parts of the act should be put into force.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Why cannot that be put into force at once?

Mr. DURANLEAU: As a matter of fact the question has been submitted to the Department of Justice as to which parts are not international in character and could be put into force now, and as soon as I have a report I intend to give effect to it and bring the facts before the house.

Mr. NEILL: You could bring certain portions of the act into force by order in council, could you not?

Mr. DURANLEAU: By order in council and by publication in the official gazette.