

Fruit Act Amendment

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Motherwell thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 116 to amend the Root Vegetables Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

FRUIT ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. W. R. MOTHERWELL (Minister of Agriculture) moved that the House go into committee to consider the following proposed resolution:

That it is expedient to amend the Fruit Act, chapter 15 of the statutes of 1923, by providing,—

(a) For the abolition of combination grades of apples, crabapples and pears;

(b) That the minister, with the approval of the Governor in Council, may prescribe additional grades for individual kinds of fruit, and prescribe the kinds of fruit to which such grades shall apply; and make such regulations as may be necessary to make effective the proposed provisions, from the date of their publication in the Canada Gazette;

(c) That every person who, by himself or through the agency of another person, packs fruit in closed or open packages intended for sale, or who offers for sale or sells fruit, and quotes or represents such fruit to be of any grade specified in section 3 of the act as amended or regulations made thereunder, shall cause to be shown on the package or on an approved label attached thereto, the grade and other marks required under the act, and in the event of such fruit not complying with the grade mark thus designated, such person shall be guilty of an offence under the provisions of the act.

Motion agreed to and the House went into committee, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: What does this combination grade mean?

Mr. STIRLING: The combination grade, I think, was introduced some years ago at the request of the fruit growers, they believing that it would aid the sale of fruit in the market. It was very soon discovered that it did not have that effect. There was very little demand in the markets for combination grades and the Canadian Horticultural Council therefore asked the minister if he would be good enough to amend the act so as to remove the combination grade.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Motherwell thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 117 to amend the Fruit Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first and second time.

**MEAT AND CANNED FOODS ACT
AMENDMENT**

Hon. W. R. MOTHERWELL (Minister of Agriculture) moved the second reading of Bill No. 73, to amend the Meat and Canned Foods Act.

[Mr. Caldwell.]

Mr. STEVENS: I think I asked the minister this question the other day and I am going to ask it again to make sure. Does this include canned salmon? The minister was not very certain the other day?

Mr. MOTHERWELL: I have not made any further inquiries. I am practically sure that it does not include canned salmon, because that does not come under my department.

Mr. STEVENS: If it is found that it does, I hope the Fisheries committee, which is very much interested in this, will be notified.

Mr. MOTHERWELL: Yes.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the select standing committee on Agriculture and Colonization.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

After Recess

The House resumed at eight o'clock.

DOMINION LANDS ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (Argenteuil, Minister of the Interior) moved the second reading of Bill No. 75, to amend the Dominion Lands Act.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Has the minister given an explanation?

Mr. STEWART (Argenteuil): Yes. We discussed this matter pretty fully the other day and there was only one clause, relating to the rescission of the school land contracts, that caused any difficulty. I think we can discuss the subject more fully in committee.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time, and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

On section 1—Conditions of entry for lands in Saskatchewan and Alberta south of south boundary of township 16.

Mr. MEIGHEN: There was not much discussion of this except on the part of the hon. member to my left (Mr. McTaggart) who took the ground that there should be no line of demarcation, in the way of any sort of invidious distinction between the lands in one section and those in the other. I do not know that I wholly agree with him in this respect, but I do believe that there will be great difficulty in administering this section of the bill if it is passed in this form. The act will then provide that no one shall homestead in this special tract below this line