

CANADA.

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT

Wednesday, June 9, 1926.

The House met at two o'clock.

FUEL SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Mr. E. A. LAPIERRE (Nipissing) presented the second report of the special committee appointed to investigate the fuel supply of Canada, as follows:

Your committee recommend to the House that they be given leave to sit while the House is in session.

He said: By unanimous consent of the House I beg to move:

That the second report of the special committee appointed to investigate the fuel supply of Canada presented this day be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE

Mr. W. D. EULER (North Waterloo): On behalf of the hon. member for Pontiac (Mr. Cahill) I beg to present the third report of the select standing committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

EXCISE ACT AMENDMENT

Hon. GEORGE H. BOIVIN (Minister of Customs and Excise) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 188 to amend the Excise Act.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Explain.

Mr. BOIVIN: At the present time there are customs bonded warehouses at many seaports where there are no excise warehouses. Imported tobacco, cigars and cigarettes are supplied as ships' stores from these customs warehouses, and no excise warehouses being available at these points, American goods are sold where Canadian goods cannot be sold. The Canadian manufacturers have complained of this discrimination, and the proposed bill is merely to provide that tobacco and cigars may be removed from excise warehouses to customs bonded warehouses, in order to place our Canadian manufacturers in the same position as the American manufacturer. There is a second clause in the bill providing that on all cigars the rate of excise shall be \$3 per thousand. At present the rate is \$3 on all

cigars except those put up in very small packages of ten or less, and for some unexplained reason the latter have paid the higher rate of \$4, although the cost of packing must be considerably more. The object of the bill is to do away with the discrimination. There are no other clauses.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. SPEAKER: When shall the bill be read a second time?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Now.

On motion of Mr. Boivin the bill was read the second time.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: Is the bill distributed?

Mr. BOIVIN: I do not insist on proceeding at the present time. It can stand until tomorrow.

Mr. SPEAKER: Next sitting of the House in committee of the Whole.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Bill No. 173 (from the Senate), respecting The Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway Company.—Mr. Morin (St. Hyacinthe-Rouville).

Bill No. 175 (from the Senate), for the relief of Alice Victoria McGibbon.—Mr. McClenaghan.

Bill No. 176 (from the Senate), for the relief of Samuel Paveling.—Mr. Geary.

Bill No. 177 (from the Senate), for the relief of John Jones.—Mr. McClenaghan.

Bill No. 178 (from the Senate), for the relief of Benamin Rapp.—Mr. Anderson (Toronto-High Park).

Bill No. 179 (from the Senate), for the relief of Bernard Thomas Graham.—Mr. Baker.

Bill No. 180 (from the Senate), for the relief of Robert Edward Greig.—Mr. Baker.

Bill No. 181 (from the Senate), for the relief of Dasie Hawkey.—Mr. Speakman.