

PRIVATE BILLS.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS.

Bill No. 200 (from the Senate), for the relief of Muriel Curren Gilmour.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 201 (from the Senate), for the relief of Marie Jeanne Yvonne Albertine St. Amour Lallemand.—Mr. Duff.

Bill No. 202 (from the Senate), for the relief of Lauretta Estelle Cook.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 203 (from the Senate), for the relief of Reginald Muir Barlow.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 204 (from the Senate), for the relief of Alfred John Crawford.—Mr. Hocken.

Bill No. 205 (from the Senate), for the relief of Frederick Minskip.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 207 (from the Senate), for the relief of Charles Henry Foster.—Mr. Wallace.

Bill No. 208 (from the Senate), for the relief of Frank Cox.—Mr. MacNutt.

Bill No. 209 (from the Senate), for the relief of Joseph Dubé.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 210 (from the Senate), for the relief of John Donnelly.—Mr. Wallace.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

TERMINATION OF FRENCH TREATY.

*Mr. LEMIEUX:

1. Is the Honourable the Minister of Trade and Commerce aware of the following memorandum issued by S. W. McMichael, acting commissioner of customs and addressed to the collectors of customs and others concerned, dated 1st June, instant?

File No. 99678. No. 2398-B

MEMORANDUM.

DEPARTMENT OF CUSTOMS, CANADA.

OTTAWA, 1st June, 1920.

To Collectors of Customs and others concerned:—

French Treaty

ceases to be in force after 19th June, 1920.

Referring to Memorandum No. 2368-B, containing The French Convention Act, 1919, you are advised that notice has been given for termination of the convention respecting Commercial Relations between Canada and France, dated 19th September, 1907, and the supplementary convention, respecting Commercial Relations between Canada and France, dated 23rd January, 1909, whereby the said Franco-Canadian Commercial Conventions cease to be in force after 19th June, 1920.

Notes—While articles the produce or manufacture of Japan will after the 19th June, 1920, not be entitled to the benefit of the rates of duty provided under the said Franco-Canadian Commercial Conventions by reason of the existence of these conventions, such articles will still be entitled to the Intermediate Tariff as extended in part to Belgium, The Netherlands and Italy.—(Vide Memo. No. 1592-B).

Note further—Regulations respecting Samples (Vide Memo. 1729-B) will, after the 19th June, 1920, apply only to British countries and to Japan.

S. W. McMICAL, Acting Commissioner of Customs.

2. Is the Honourable Minister aware of the fact that French importations now coming in under the general tariff rates are discriminated against by the admission of many similar goods from Japan, Belgium, the Netherlands and Italy under the intermediate tariff?

3. In order not to dislocate the trade which has developed between Canada and France, should not the honourable minister offer my cable to the French Government our intermediate tariff against their minimum tariff pending negotiations towards a permanent agreement?

Rt. Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER (Minister of Trade and Commerce):

1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. Steps have already been taken in the direction indicated by the question.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT.

INCREASE OF SESSIONAL INDEMNITY, SALARIES OF MINISTERS, ETC.

On motion of Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden (Prime Minister), who stated that the assent of His Excellency the Governor General had been obtained, it was resolved that the House go into committee to-day on a resolution increasing the salaries of ministers of the Crown, and the Solicitor General of Canada, the allowance of the leader of the Opposition, the salaries of the Speakers of the Senate and of the House of Commons and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons and the indemnities of members of the Senate and House of Commons.

THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD.

Rt. Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved that the House go into committee to-day on a resolution to amend Bill 206 respecting the Canadian Wheat Board.

He said: This resolution makes provision for a portion of the powers already exercised by the Wheat Board which were omitted in the preceding resolution. The provisions are for the purpose of working out the really organic powers that are given to the board.

Motion agreed to.

INCREASE OF JUDGES' SALARIES.

On the motion of Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden (for the Minister of Justice), who announced that the assent of the Governor General had been obtained thereto, the