

the fruits of the work of the Commission and see the sockeye come back again in great numbers to the Fraser River.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If any honourable member of the Senate is desirous that this Bill should go to committee in order that some inquiry may be made into any of the clauses, it will, of course, be my duty to move accordingly.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I understand that nobody wants to have the Bill considered in committee.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

MAPLE SUGAR BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 59, an Act respecting the maple sugar industry.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable members, this is a measure which will be welcomed in many parts of Canada. It has been awaited with some eagerness by the people of the Province of Quebec. I do not know exactly the extent of the maple sugar industry in other provinces, but I know this industry is an important one in my own province.

The explanatory note which I have before me states:

The purpose of this Act is to permit of the better organization and development of the maple sugar industry. This industry has been making fairly satisfactory progress and has attained fairly satisfactory dimensions, but is now faced with a number of problems which would seem to necessitate some special action looking to the more effective control and direction of its manufacturing and merchandizing phases. The Bill as submitted has been framed with this end in view.

The production of maple sugar and maple syrup in Canada has been as follows:—

	Maple Sugar and Syrup lbs.	Maple Syrup gallons
1901.. . . . .	21,200,000	
	Maple Sugar pounds	Maple Syrup gallons
1911.. . . . .	10,488,344	1,802,581
1921.. . . . .	9,604,851	1,509,793
1928.. . . . .	13,798,109	1,686,583
1929.. . . . .	11,698,925	2,174,084

The main purpose of the Bill is to prevent adulteration and to protect the products against substitutes.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: Some representations have been made to me in explanation of this Bill, with a view to having provision made for the protection of an artificial product called Mapleine. Possibly some other members have received similar representations. I have been advised to-night, on behalf of the gentleman who was chiefly responsible for these representations, that the Bill has been amended in such a way as to be now perfectly satisfactory to him. I presume that the amendment is contained in the new section 6. I have had no further objections from anyone in connection with this measure. As the honourable leader of the House (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) has said, the chief object is to prevent fraudulent imitations of maple syrup and maple sugar. The legislation would tend to stabilize the business.

Hon. Mr. BELAND: In the name of the maple sugar producers of Quebec I should like to express their entire satisfaction with this measure. Legislation of this kind has been sought for a great many years, and, so far as I can judge, this Bill meets their desires. It is felt that in the future the manufacture of imitations of these delicious products will be entirely prohibited. As the honourable leader (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) has indicated in his remarks, the value of the products is not negligible. Some eleven or twelve millions of pounds of maple sugar and about two million gallons of maple syrup are produced annually. The industry is a source of income to a large number of farmers not only in the Province of Quebec, but also in New Brunswick and in a large part of the Province of Ontario. I do not know about other provinces.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: There is none in the West, I am sorry to say.

Hon. Mr. DONNELLY: Is it the intention of the honourable leader to go into Committee on this Bill?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Senate went into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Beland in the Chair.

Sections 2 to 9, inclusive, were agreed to.