

Saturday, 15th September, 1917.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Senate, by their Clerk, as followeth:—

The Senate have passed the following Bill, No. 123, respecting Live Stock, without any amendment.

Sir Robert Borden, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid on the Table,—Copy of Order in Council, P.C. 2552, dated 13th September, 1917, recommending that Certificates of Naturalization may be issued under the Naturalization Act, 1914, to alien enemies who have resided for many years in Canada, on its being shown that they are clearly in sympathy with the United Kingdom and its allies in the present war, and that they have no pro-German or other alien enemy affiliations or connections. (*Sessional Papers, No. 275.*)

Mr. Doherty, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid on the Table,—Copy of *Canada Gazette*, dated 12th September, 1917, containing a list and location of Local Tribunals established to hear and decide applications for certificates of exemption from Military Service. (*Sessional Papers, No. 276.*)

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, seconded by Sir George Foster, Ordered, That Bill, No. 132, from the Senate, intituled: "An Act to amend The Companies Act," be now read the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Sir Thomas White, for the concurrence in the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill, No. 117, to authorize the levying of a War Tax upon certain incomes, which amendments are as follow:—

1. Page 1, line 26.—After "annual" insert "net."

2. Page 2, line 8.—Leave out all the words from "source" to "contract" inclusive in line 16 and substitute therefor the following:—

"including the income from but not the value of property acquired by gift, bequest, devise or descent; and including the income from but not the proceeds of life insurance policies paid upon the death of the person insured, or payments made or credited to the insured on life insurance endowment or annuity contracts upon the maturity of the term mentioned in the contract or upon the surrender of the contract; with the following exemptions and deductions:—"

3. Page 2, line 34.—After "Act" insert: "Provided, however, that in determining the income the personal and living expenses shall not be taken into consideration."

4. Page 5, line 26.—Before "tax" insert "normal."

5. Page 9, line 28.—After clause 19 insert the following as clause A:—

Clause A.

"All the proceedings of the Board and of the Exchequer Court shall be held in *camerâ* if requested by the taxpayer."

Sir George Foster, for Sir Thomas White, moved, seconded by Mr. Cochrane, That the said amendments be now read the second time and concurred in; but that this House, while disapproving of any infraction of its privileges or rights by the other