

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Would my hon. friend be able to give us some information on the question when we go into committee?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, I shall be very glad to make inquiries. You might give us some suggestions as to how to get over the hard times.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—What I wanted to do was to point out what amount the commission owed or had borrowed from the Federal Government, and if the interest were regularly paid.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I will make inquiry before we go into committee.

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

BANK ACT AMENDMENT BILL. REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE.

The House resumed in Committee of the Whole consideration of Bill No. 33. An Act to amend the Bank Act.

(In the Committee.)

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It was suggested when we were in the committee before, I think by my hon. friend from Portage la Prairie, that we should amend subclause 19 by providing that the notice of sale shall be posted at the nearest post office. I have taken this up with the Finance Department and they are quite agreeable that the Bill should be so amended. Consequently I move that the clause be amended as follows:

By posting a notice in writing or print of the time and place of such sale in or at the post office nearest the place where the sale is to be made.

Hon. Mr. THOMPSON—How long before the sale?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Not less than five days.

The amendment was adopted.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE (Chairman)—It is proposed further to amend this subclause by the addition of the words:

Appears in a newspaper published in French and English.

I understand that this is only for the province.

The amendment was adopted.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE, from the committee, reported the Bill with some amendments, which were concurred in.

AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE INTERESTS OF CANADA.

DEBATE RESUMED.

The order of the day being called:

Resuming the further adjourned debate on the motion of the Honourable Mr. Béique, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Edwards:

(1) That a committee composed of nine members of this House be appointed to inquire alone or jointly with a like committee of the House of Commons, into what is being done and what could be done to best promote the agricultural, industrial and trade interests of this country both during and after the war; such committee to be composed of the following members: the Honourable Messieurs Bolduc, Lougheed, Dandurand, Edwards, Bostock, Ross (Moosejaw), Taylor, Ross (Middleton), and the mover, and to report from time to time to this House; and (2) that a message be sent to the House of Commons inviting that House to appoint a like committee to act jointly with the committee appointed by this House.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I wish to compliment the mover on bringing a motion of this kind before the Senate. I think it is very opportune when not only the members proposed for this committee, but the members of the Senate, and, in fact, every person in Canada, must and ought to be devoting their energies and time and giving their best attention to the matters referred to in this resolution. I am pleased to note that of the three particular subjects referred to here—agricultural, industrial and trade interests—the mover puts agriculture to the front. I do not know whether this is done designedly or not, but I suppose it is, because, although my hon. friend is an eminent lawyer, I know he is interested in agriculture. I know that there is another hon. gentleman here, the hon. gentleman from Middleton (Hon. Mr. Ross), who, I believe, is a model farmer, although a lawyer, and the committee as constituted ought to collect and furnish the Government with considerable information along those lines. I may be pardoned if I make an observation or two as to what line I think the report of that committee should follow. I am inclined to think that this war has brought on a state of affairs in Canada that has started people to think as they never thought before. For the last forty years we have been going along the line that what we wanted to build up in Canada was industrial institutions. To my mind that is going along the wrong track. If there is anything that is going to bring Canada up to the place where she should be it is agriculture; and agriculture is a thing that ought to be pro-