

from penalties under this Act. I think there is no doubt about that.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. Mr. Fisher proposes to amend this section by adding to it the words 'in default whereof no prosecution shall lie with respect to such deeds.'

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. That might cover the point raised by the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule). I think it would be better to leave that out.

On section 14—certificates of analysis as evidence,

Mr. SPROULE. Ought the minister not make some specific provisions for sealing up and sending in the seed?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I propose to submit regulations and rules for the taking of these samples, and the provisions the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) refers to will be included in these. Section 18 allows for that.

On section 15,

Any pecuniary penalty imposed under this Act shall, on recovery be payable one-half to the informant or complainant, and the other half to His Majesty.

Mr. ROSS (Ontario). I think that is objectionable—that a man should be able to come into your house or store and be able to prosecute, half the fine going to him. I think the fine should all go to the Crown under the circumstances of this case. I think under all circumstances the fine should go to the Crown.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I may say that the seed merchants who have approached me on this Bill, have objected to this clause, and I am quite willing to strike it out.

On section 17,

Mr. CLANCY. Do I understand that there can be no appeal to the county judge in the province of Ontario?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. I am not familiar with the nomenclature of the different courts of the province of Ontario. This clause as well as the other clauses, in regard to legal proceedings, have been taken from the General Inspection Act, which I presume provided for the courts in the different provinces.

Mr. BARKER. In Ontario the appeals from magistrates are always to the county court judges.

Mr. MONET. In the province of Quebec we have both a superior and a circuit court, so if you do not mention the court to which appeal is to be taken, we shall not know where to go. I think we should determine that in Quebec the appeal should be brought before the circuit court, because if brought before a superior court, the amount of costs

might be very large and the sum involved very small.

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE. If the committee would allow, I would ask that that clause be allowed to stand for the opinion of the Minister of Justice.

Progress reported.

ADJOURNMENT—RESIGNATION OF HON. MR. BLAIR—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Hon. W. S. Fielding) moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). Before the House adjourns I would like to know what business we may expect for tomorrow. I would also like to know from the Minister of Finance whether he has any information to give to the House with respect to an intimation which is very current that the Minister of Railways (Hon. A. G. Blair) has tendered his resignation. It is openly stated, as my hon. friend is no doubt aware, throughout the corridors of the House, that such an event has taken place. If it is true that he has tendered his resignation, perhaps the hon. gentleman will be good enough to give the House any information he has.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. As to the latter part of my hon. friend's question, I have not had the pleasure of seeing either the Prime Minister or the Minister of Railways this evening, and I am afraid I am not in a position to give him any information as to the question he has asked. As to the business to be taken up to-morrow, we may be able to take one or two Bills on the Order Paper at an early stage, and then we will ask the House to go into Committee of Supply, resuming consideration of the estimates of the Department of the Interior.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). I understand there are certain resolutions upon the Order Paper with regard to the bounties on iron and steel and the bounties on lead.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. Neither of them will be taken up to-morrow.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). Perhaps before to-morrow evening my hon. friend may be able to get into communication with the Prime Minister or the Minister of Railways I do not think there will be any great difficulty on the subject. I appreciate the fact that perhaps he has not been very anxious to meet them this evening, and under the circumstances I accept his explanation as the best he could offer.

Mr. WILSON. Before the House adjourns, I wish to give notice that on motion to go into supply to-morrow I will bring up the question of immigration, which I intend to discuss.