

An Act to amend the Dominion Lands Act. This is, I believe, a trifling amendment, and I should not suppose that it would be controversial.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code. This is for the purpose of embodying some or all of the recommendations contained in a report of the committee, which report was discussed in the House some time ago.

An Act to amend the Indian Act. This is merely for the purpose of enabling Indians who have served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force to be provided for and on reserves instead of upon other lands in case they desire to engage in agricultural pursuits.

Then, it has been intimated to me that the Committee of the House which has been investigating questions relative to the high cost of living may recommend certain legislation in the form of two Bills. If that recommendation is made it will be necessary, of course, for the Government to consider it, and probably to present to the House for its consideration the measures so proposed.

There will also be a small amendment to the Dry Dock Subsidies Act, merely for the purpose of increasing the percentage rate with respect to second-class docks to the percentage rate already established for first-class docks, that is, from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

There will also be a Pension Bill, which will be introduced on behalf of the Government to carry out the recommendations which have been submitted by the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Pensions for returned soldiers?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Yes, the committee which has been investigating the matter has dealt with the question of pensions for returned soldiers.

There will also be a resolution respecting the transfer of the port of St. John to a Harbour Commission and the conveyance to that commission of the various works which have been erected by the city in the harbour of St. John. Possibly that portion of the harbour equipment which has been carried out by the Government will also be transferred to the same commission in order that it may have entirely under its direction and control the whole equipment of the harbour.

There have also been before a committee of the House, although they are not upon the Order Paper, two Bills to amend the Fisheries Act. One of them, I am informed by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries

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(Mr. Ballantyne), has been dropped, but the other will probably be proceeded with.

The Minister of Finance will introduce a Borrowing Bill.

There is already on the Order Paper a Bill with respect to an annual payment to the Ottawa Improvement Commission. In addition to that, there are negotiations pending with the city of Ottawa respecting some other matters, and if those negotiations lead to any result a Bill for the purpose of carrying out the agreement arrived at will be introduced:

It is expected that a Bill making temporary provision for the holding of by-elections will be introduced. It is not the intention of the Government to proceed with the General Franchise Act at this session, but it is anticipated that a Bill making provision during a temporary period for any by-elections which it may be necessary to hold, will be presented.

There is also the possibility that the Commission on Industrial Relations will present a report which might call for action and legislation at the present session, but that is quite conjectural at present, as we have not yet received the report.

Apart from these matters, I do not know of anything further except, of course, the Supplementary Estimates, which we hope to place before the House at an early date.

Whilst the list that I have given embraces a considerable number of measures, they are nearly all of a minor character, and I hope they will not prove controversial. It is desirable, as I am sure my hon. friend will agree, to economize the time of the House as far as possible in order to reach prorogation without any undue delay.

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE (leader of the Opposition): Might I ask whether the various measures to which my right hon. friend has referred are ready to be presented to the House and will be brought down soon? The list is quite a formidable one, as far as the number of measures is concerned, but they may not be very controversial. If we do not get them in a reasonable time they promise to keep us here for some weeks. I hope that will not be the case.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I hope my hon. friend will find their quality so excellent that the delay will not be very great. Of the two Bills relating to the Department of Marine and Fisheries, one is now before a committee of this House, and the other has been dropped. I think the other measures will be ready for introduction almost at once.