

## CANADA.

# House of Commons Debates

### OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, May 6, 1919.

The House met at Three o'clock.

#### COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

Mr. HUME CRONYN presented the first report of the special committee appointed to consider the matter of the development in Canada of scientific research.

#### REPORTS AND PAPERS.

Report of Director of the Military Service Branch on the operation of the Military Service Act, 1917.—Hon. Mr. Meighen.

Copy of Order in Council of the 1st of May, 1919, approving of the General Housing Scheme of the province of British Columbia.—Hon. Mr. Rowell.

Radio-telegraph Regulations.—Hon. Mr. Ballantyne.

#### SENATE BILLS.

##### FIRST READING.

Bill No. 88, to amend The Migratory Birds Convention Act.—Hon. Mr. Meighen.

Bill No. 89, for the relief of Martha Campbell.—Mr. Douglas (Strathcona).

Bill No. 90, for the relief of Rosa Hirst.—Mr. Fripp.

#### THE WAR MEASURES ACT, 1914.

BILL TO EXTEND ORDERS IN COUNCIL NOT PROCEEDED WITH FOR THE PRESENT.

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Acting Minister of Justice): I wish to make a statement with regard to Order No. 26, Second Reading of Bill No. 71, to extend the operation of the Orders and Regulations passed by the Governor in Council under the War Measures Act, 1914.

This Bill was to have been gone on with earlier, but for the fact that intimation has come from the Prime Minister that the arrangements now in effect as to the Treaty

of Peace are such that it is unlikely any treaty of peace will be formally ratified in such a way that a declaration ending the war might be made by His Majesty before approximately the first of August. Consequently, no object would be served by going on with the measure at the present time.

#### MEAT AND CANNED FOODS ACT AMENDMENT—LOBSTERS.

On motion of Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE (Minister of Marine and Fisheries), Bill No. 31, to amend the Meat and Canned Foods Act, was read the second time and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Marine and Fisheries.

#### FISHERIES ACT, 1914, AMENDMENT—BRITISH COLUMBIA LICENSES.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE (Minister of Marine and Fisheries), moved that Bill No. 39, to amend the Fisheries Act, 1914, be read the second time.

Mr. McKENZIE: Explain.

Mr. BALLANTYNE: This is a Bill regarding cannery licenses in British Columbia. The object of the Bill is to make the annual fee for such license \$500, and in addition, four cents for each case of 48 one-pound cans, or the equivalent thereto, of sockeye salmon, and three cents for each case of 48 one-pound cans, or the equivalent thereto, of any other species of salmon, including Steel Head packed in such cannery during the continuance in force of the license. The said \$500 shall be paid before the license is issued, and the remainder of the license fee shall be paid as the minister may from time to time by regulation prescribe.

Heretofore, the fee charged to canners in British Columbia was \$50 a year, and it was felt by my department that that was altogether too low a fee in view of the privileges they receive. Therefore, the object of this Bill is to raise the fee from