

THE SENATE

Tuesday, December 18, 1951

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Acting Speaker (Hon. A. L. Beaubien) in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BOARD BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 18, an Act to provide for the establishment of an Agricultural Products Board.

The bill was read the first time.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall the said bill be read the second time?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: I move that this bill be placed on the order paper for second reading later this day.

The motion was agreed to.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Salter A. Hayden presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 25, an Act to provide for the financial administration of the Government of Canada, the audit of the Public Accounts and the financial control of Crown Corporations.

The report was read by the Clerk Assistant as follows:

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred Bill 25, an Act to provide for the financial administration of the government of Canada, the Audit of the Public Accounts and the Financial Control of Crown Corporations, have in obedience to the order of reference of December 17, 1951, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Robertson. Now.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time and passed.

NORTH FRASER HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Hayden presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and

Commerce on Bill 8, an Act to amend The North Fraser Harbour Commissioners Act.

The report was read by the Clerk Assistant, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred Bill 8, an Act to amend the North Fraser Harbour Commissioners Act, have in obedience to the order of reference of December 17, 1951, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Now.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

CANADA ELECTIONS BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Hayden presented the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 41, an Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1938, and to change its title to the Canada Elections Act.

The report was read by the Clerk Assistant, as follows:

The Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, to whom was referred Bill 41, an Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act, 1938 and to change its title to the Canada Elections Act, have in obedience to the order of reference of December 17, 1951, examined the said bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall the bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Robertson: Now.

Hon. A. Marcotte: Honourable senators, I want to say a few words about a certain part of this bill, and more especially concerning the fact that the word "Dominion" has been omitted or changed. I am not objecting at all to the principle of the bill, nor would I have any objection to the insertion of the word "Canada" in place of "Dominion". I would not have said a word but for the fact that the honourable senator from Northumberland (Hon. Mr. Burchill) remarked that he was sorry to see "Dominion" omitted, and in the other place some nasty remarks about that word have been made, and there have been references to it both in the press and over the radio. A few years ago quite a warm discussion developed on the subject of the name "Dominion Day". It was vastly different with me at that time, because in that setting "Dominion" meant something which was