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Chapter - VIII
Far- Reaching Legislation

(Canada Grain Act brought up - 5 - Date)

A consolidation and revision of the Canada Grain Act was made which should prove of direct benefit to the leading basic industry of the country, agriculture.

Further provision was made in respect of handling and marketing of grain, or incident to the buying, selling and transportation of grain, also grading and weight, handling in and out of country elevators, and at country points, and inspection of such elevators; the operation, management and control of terminal, public and private elevators; the storing, cleaning and binning of grain, the mixing of grain and disposition of screenings.

(Conserving Canada's Hydro Power)

The question of hydro-power export which assumed a place of prominence in deliberations of the session was disposed of in a manner which apparently gave general satisfaction. For several weeks the Conservatives had been very talkative in the House on the Power question, evidently endeavoring to create the impression that they were sole custodians, though in opposition, of the interests of the Canadian people. While repeatedly declaring against the export of power, they attempted to make a case to the effect that the King government was deliberately preparing for the dissipation and permanent alienation of Canada's electrical energy.

(Province Has Last Word on Export)

The Prime Minister suggested an amendment declaring as the view of the government as well as of the House that no licence to export power from the Dominion will be issued by the Dominion Government except with the approval of the provinces affected by the development and only on yearly license. This carried unanimously.

Dominion Elections Act - Amended

Amendments to the Dominion Elections Act to which assent was given have had as an important objective the greater convenience of the electorate as far as can be achieved while guarding against any possible irregularities. The amendments provide for the making of returning officers practically permanent officials. Instead of being appointed at each election, they may hold office "during pleasure" of the government. The amendment makes the position one of considerable dignity and in keeping with the responsibilities of the office. The duties of the officials can only be terminated by death, resignation or an order-in-council, and these officers can be appointed at any time.

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