

THE SENATE

Friday, March 17, 1922.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSE BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. BRADBURY presented Bill B, an Act to Amend the Cold Storage Warehouse Act. He said:

The purpose of this Bill is to deal with two important matters that are within the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament, namely, health, and trade and commerce. The Bill is intended, in the first place, to protect the lives and health of the public by preventing cold storage warehouses from holding foodstuffs until they become unsafe for human consumption and then selling them to an unsuspecting public, the result being ptomaine poisoning, causing great suffering and often death.

The second purpose of the Bill is to prevent the waste of foodstuffs such as meats, poultry, and eggs. Tons of precious food are annually destroyed by cold storage warehouses either because they have been held too long or because of faulty storage.

The third purpose of the Bill is to restore trade to its proper channels so as to bring producer and consumer more closely together. Under the present system cold storage warehouses have succeeded in diverting trade in foodstuffs from its legitimate channels. They operate as middlemen to the great detriment of both producer and consumer, and to their own enrichment.

On the second reading I hope to be able to give a more detailed explanation.

The Bill was read the first time.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE

MOTION

On the notice of motion:

By Hon. Sir Edward Kemp:

That pending further order, when the Senate adjourns on Friday, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday at eight o'clock p.m.

Hon. Sir EDWARD KEMP: Stand.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I might take advantage of the notice of motion given by the honourable gentleman from Toronto (Hon. Mr. Kemp), which will stand until

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next week, to move that when the Senate adjourns this afternoon it do stand adjourned until Wednesday next. We have nothing on the Order Paper for consideration next week except perhaps one important Bill; so we can well afford to adjourn for a few days. Therefore, if there is no objection—for we must all be agreed—I will move now that when the Senate adjourns this afternoon it do stand adjourned until Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Wednesday, March 22, at 3 p.m.

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NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED

Hon. John Dowsely Reid, of the city of Ottawa, Ontario, introduced by Hon. Sir James Lougheed and Hon. Richard Blain.

CENSUS RETURNS AND PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION

INQUIRY

Hon. Mr. DAVID inquired:

Does the Government intend before fixing the representation of the provinces in the Dominion Parliament, to have the last census corrected and rectified where it is presumed as established, that it has been improperly and irregularly made?

He said: I desire to say that in giving notice of this inquiry I forgot to mention that I would call the attention of the House to this subject, in order that we might have an expression of views from honourable members. I think this question deserves the consideration of the House, because if the last census returns do not give the exact figures of the population in certain provinces, then those provinces will not be represented in Parliament as they ought to be. However, I can bring up the question at another time, so that it may be discussed, and I simply put the question in its present form.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The answer from the Trade and Commerce Department is: "Only finally revised census statistics will be used as a basis for legislation."