

lands have been sold for more money than was paid for them. Most of the land has been sold to farmers who wanted to enlarge their farms and were willing to pay good prices for it.

The report was concurred in.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

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

CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 138, an Act to amend the Criminal Code.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable members, I shall not attempt to make a statement explaining the various amendments contained in this Bill.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: Has the Bill been distributed?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think it has been distributed in the Chamber. I have received a copy. I will simply suggest that we give the Bill the second reading and then go into Committee to discuss—shall I say the non-contentious clauses? Perhaps there are some that are contentious. However, we are aware of their purport. Some come before us not for the first time. So the discussion need not be a very long one.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: Section 2 of the Bill, repealing section 98 of the Act, is objectionable. I am opposed to the repeal of that section in toto.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I suppose there is no objection to taking the second reading. No one will be bound by the principle of the Bill. It is practically an omnibus Bill, covering a multitude of subjects.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: It is understood that by the second reading no one is committed to the principle of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: In the Bill as introduced in the Commons, sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 covered matters dealt with in a Bill with regard to firearms which was introduced in this House by me several times, and which was passed, unanimously, I think, on three

or possibly four occasions. I regret very much that this Bill was not taken into consideration at an earlier date by the other House. That regret is occasioned not by the fact that I was the author of the Bill that passed this Chamber, but largely because, notwithstanding the necessity for team play between the two Houses in matters of this kind, the Commons have not given the consideration that I think they should have given to a measure approved so often by the Senate. It was unquestionably one of very great importance.

I repeat what I have said many times, that unless Parliament deals with the revolver in this country the time will come when it will no longer be able to deal with it. Across the line, in the republic to the south of us, the revolver is master. It is admitted generally that the situation there is hopeless. If Parliament does not take some action to control the situation in Canada, we shall find before many years have elapsed that we shall no longer be able to cope with it. I protest against the negligence or dilatoriness in another quarter in dealing with a measure passed by this House on four different occasions.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think the Minister of Justice said—

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Yes; the Minister of Justice said this:

Clauses 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 would enact a Bill which has passed the Senate on three occasions concerning firearms and licensing of weapons. That Bill was submitted one year to a committee of the House, passed the committee, but was not proceeded with by the whole House. I admit that this involves a rather important and considerable change, and some members have represented to me that at this late stage of the session it might be better to leave the matter over for another year, when I expect we shall all be here again in our respective capacities. Therefore I would ask that sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 be dropped.

Then, on motion of Hon. Mr. Cardin, those five sections were dropped. Hence they are not in the Bill before us.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Senate went into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Robinson in the Chair.

On section 1—"peace officer":

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Honourable members will probably remember that in a Bill