

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Mr. Chairman, I do not propose to detain the committee for more than a moment at the present time, as it is quite clear that the proposal which is submitted by the Minister of Finance (Sir Thomas White), can be more properly and profitably discussed when we are considering the bill founded upon the resolution. I have no doubt that the principle contained in the taxation proposals just submitted to the committee will be approved of by the country. The advantages of the proposal are quite obvious. It will augment our revenues, which is very desirable and very necessary indeed; but, better than that, it will equalize taxation in this country, and that is obviously desirable. I think the House will approve also of the suggestion, of the declaration of the Minister of Finance—

The House having resumed.

#### THE ROYAL ASSENT.

A message was delivered by Lieut.-Colonel Ernest J. Chambers, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, the House went up to the Senate.

And having returned,

The Speaker informed the House that the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Bills:

An Act respecting The Guardian Accident and Guarantee Company, and to change its name to "The Guardian Insurance Company of Canada."

An Act respecting The Grain Growers' Grain Company, Limited, and to authorize it to change its name to "United Grain Growers, Limited."

An Act respecting The Saint John Board of Trade.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating The Canadian Surety Company.

An Act respecting The Canadian Order of the Woodmen of the World.

An Act to incorporate Alliance Nationale.

An Act to incorporate La Société des Artisans Canadiens Français.

An Act respecting the Athabaska Northern Railway Company.

An Act respecting The Lachine, Jacques-Cartier and Maisonneuve Railway Company.

An Act to confirm certain agreements made between The Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company and The Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company.

An Act respecting The Western Dominion Railway Company.

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An Act respecting The Calgary and Fernie Railway Company.

An Act respecting The Canadian Northern Quebec Railway Company.

An Act respecting The Canadian Western Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Kaslo and Slocan Railway Company.

An Act respecting The Mount Royal Tunnel and Terminal Company, Limited.

An Act to incorporate The Eastern Telephone and Telegraph Company.

An Act respecting The Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company.

An Act to incorporate The Bishop of Mackenzie River.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate The Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association.

An Act respecting The Interprovincial and James Bay Railway Company.

An Act respecting La Compagnie du Chemin de Fer de Colonisation du Nord.

An Act respecting The Continental Heat and Light Company.

An Act respecting certain patents of George C. Breidert and Burton W. Mudge.

An Act for the relief of Delbert Ralph O'Neil.

An Act for the relief of Edward Austin Barnwell.

An Act for the relief of Charles Frederick Reuben Jones.

An Act for the relief of John Basnett Parker.

An Act for the relief of Amy Beatrice Mathews Hilton.

An Act for the relief of Colin Darrach Poole.

An Act for the relief of Thomas Edwin Jory.

An Act for the relief of Florence Evaline Snyder Lockwood.

An Act to incorporate The Grand Lodge of the Canadian Association of Stationary Engineers of the Dominion of Canada.

An Act to facilitate certain financial arrangements between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend the Penny Bank Act.

An Act to repeal The Ocean Telegraph Act.

An Act to amend the Chinese Immigration Act.

An Act to amend the Civil Service Act.

An Act to amend The Business Profits War Tax Act, 1916.

An Act respecting The British Columbia and White River Railway Company.

An Act respecting The Western Life Assurance Company.

An Act for the relief of George Walter Sherald Garrett.

An Act for the relief of Gertrude Ellen Beal.

An Act for the relief of Donald George Whibley.

An Act respecting a patent of Ernest Mead Baker.

An Act respecting a patent of James B. King and others.

An Act for the relief of George Maisey.

An Act for the relief of Herbert Featherstone Conover.

An Act respecting The Empire Life Insurance Company of Canada.

An Act respecting The Security Life Insurance Company of Canada.

An Act respecting The Essex Terminal Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate The Kenora and English River Railway Company.