

could be done simultaneously, and in less time than would ordinarily be required to conduct either registration.

Copies of the cards of all single men between the ages of 19 and 45 will be available in each province as soon as the registration is complete. These will be kept in the provinces. They will be broken down into military districts, so that we shall have a list of all single men between these ages in each of the military districts in Canada. Ontario and Quebec each have more than one military district, but the boundaries of most of the military districts are the same as the boundaries of the provinces. These cards will be put forthwith into age groups in the military districts, so that we shall know how many single men of the ages of 21, 22, etc., there are in Canada. This information will be available to the military authorities, for use in pursuing their policy of calling up these men for periods of military training in Canada.

A committee is working on the formulation of regulations with respect to the calling up, and these regulations will be tabled as soon as possible.

This job of registration, when viewed as the registration of all people above the age of 16 years—male and female—in Canada, looks like a tremendous one, but when it is broken down, as has been done, into local registration units of the same size as polling divisions in a general election, it is reduced to what should be workable proportions.

The Government is satisfied that the national registration will be of untold benefit to the Government and to the industries of the nation. The information secured, as outlined, will certainly be of immediate and practical use to the military authorities.

The national registration has nothing to do with the military branches of the Government nor with the military service. It is purely a civil undertaking. The information gathered will be used by all departments, including the military.

Everything is being done to reduce the cost of this undertaking to a minimum. Part of the cost will be the expense of printing the questionnaires, certificates of registration, advertising and other details, but the only paid officials will be the registrar and his assistant in each constituency, and the deputy registrars in each poll. The bulk of the work is to be done by voluntary organizations, and literally hundreds of thousands of voluntary workers have to be secured.

The members of the House of Commons have agreed to co-operate.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

TUESDAY, July 30, 1940.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Acting Speaker (Hon. A. B. Copp) in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX BILL

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of Bill 104, the Excess Profits Tax Act, 1940.

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

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE BILL

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. F. B. BLACK presented, and moved concurrence in, the report of the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce on Bill 112, an Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act.

He said: This is a brief explanation of the amendment we have made to the Bill. Yesterday the Senate discussed the first section at considerable length. That section has been stricken out and a new section substituted which, it is believed, will remove the objections then expressed.

The motion was agreed to.

THIRD READING

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

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

DIVORCE BILL

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Divorce, presented the following Bill, which was read the first, second, and third times, and passed:

Bill S3, an Act for the relief of Robert Tester Gordon.

DIVORCE STATISTICS, 1940

Hon. JAMES MURDOCK: Honourable senators, may I, on behalf of the Chairman of the Committee on Divorce, present the report of divorce statistics for 1940.

For the present session 73 notices of intention to apply to Parliament for bills of divorce were given in the Canada Gazette. Of the foregoing, 70 petitions were actually presented in the Senate and dealt with by the Committee on Divorce, as follows: