

Mr. CHISHOLM:

For a copy of letters, telegrams, petitions and documents of all kinds which passed between the Department of Public Works and any person during the years 1918, 1919, 1920, in any way referring to improvements made on Grand Etang Harbour, N.E.

UNAUTHORIZED WEARING OF RETURNED SOLDIERS' BUTTONS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. R. C. COOPER (Vancouver S.): I would like to ask the Minister of Militia what steps have been taken to prevent the unauthorized wearing of returned soldiers' buttons? It is a question of great interest to all returned soldiers in Canada in view of the finding of Magistrate Saunders in Calgary lately.

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Minister of Militia): The unauthorized use of military buttons was prohibited by an Order in Council passed by the Government in April 1919, and penalties of \$500 fine, and imprisonment for six months, were provided with respect to any person who, without proper authority, made use of these buttons. The penal clause of that Order in Council lapsed with a number of other Orders in Council which were passed under authority of the War Measures Act, some time last January, so that from January up to the present time there has been no penalty upon those who, without lawful authority, have been wearing these buttons. In the Act which this House passed a few days ago, however, it will be noted that in Section 10 severe penalties are provided, and as soon as the Bill in question, No. 137, has been assented to these penalties will be enforced throughout Canada.

ALLEGED SUNDAY WORK AT THE PRINTING BUREAU.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. JOSEPH ARCHAMBAULT (Chambly-Vercheres): I would like to inquire from the President of the Privy Council whether it is true that last Sunday employees of the Printing Bureau were forced to work by orders of the President of the Privy Council? I hope for the sake of my hon. friend's reputation that my information is incorrect.

Hon. Mr. ROWELL: Inasmuch as the information which my hon. friend undertakes to impart to the House is frequently incorrect I may say that this is as incorrect as usual. There is no foundation for the statement.

[Mr. McMaster.]

MAPLE PRODUCTS ACT—CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENT.

Hon. Mr. Rowell moved the second reading of and concurrence in an amendment by the Senate to Bill No. 28 respecting maple products.

Mr. FIELDING: What is the nature of the amendment?

Mr. ROWELL: The amendment proposed by the Senate is to add another section to the Bill as Section 5. The new section is as follows:

Section 17 of the Food and Drug Act, 1920, will apply to any prosecution under subsection 1 of Section 2 of this Act.

Subsection 1 of section 2 provides a penalty for manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, or exposing for sale, any article of food resembling or being an imitation of maple syrup or maple sugar which is not pure maple syrup or pure maple sugar. The effect of the amendment of the Senate is to provide that the clause in the Food and Drug Act which permits a man charged with violating the Act to prove that he bought the goods in the condition in which he sold them, that he believed them to be of the character and description of which he sold them, to set that up as a defence. In other words, it permits a man who has acted bona fide, where the violation of the law is purely technical, to set up that defence, and it enables the magistrate to acquit him. I see no objection to the amendment.

Amendment concurred in.

MILITIA PENSION ACT AMENDMENT.

On the motion of Hon. Hugh Guthrie (Minister of Militia) Bill No. 197 to amend the Militia Pension Act was read the second time, and the House went into committee thereon.—Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

On section 1—subsection forbidding duplication of pensions repealed:

Mr. GUTHRIE: This Bill is brought in in accordance with the recommendation of the Pensions Committee which has recently been dealing with the matter. Last session, without giving very great consideration to the proposal, Parliament passed an Act to repeal section 25 of the Pensions Act, which section provided that:

The pension to a widow shall be as follows:—the widow of a colonel, five hundred dollars; of a lieutenant-colonel, four hundred and fifty dollars; of a major, three hundred and fifty dollars; of a captain, two hundred and fifty