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as the Canadian National Railways. That, however, will be made quite clear when the bill founded on the resolution is introduced.

In order to expedite matters, and without attempting to traverse the subject at this time, I should be willing to have the resolution reported and the bill introduced, without prejudice to discussion in detail of the terms of the measure about which at the moment we know very little, and which, as the minister has properly remarked, we can fully understand only when it is introduced; for I can conceive of a bill somewhat in the terms indicated by the minister as being very objectionable for many reasons. On the other hand, he has left himself sufficient latitude to bring down a bill that will be acceptable to all, and in that hope and with that reservation I shall be glad to see the resolution reported and the bill introduced.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Howe thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 74, to establish a corporation to be known as Trans-Canada Air Lines.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

## FEEDING STUFFS

REGULATION OF IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION  
AND SALE

Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture) moved the second reading of Bill No. 64, to control and regulate the sale of feeding stuffs.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Leader of the Opposition): In view of the explanation made by the minister the other day it does not seem necessary for him to make an explanation on the second reading, if we reserve our rights in the matter, and then we may read the bill to see what it contains. It is obvious that any explanation the minister might give now would have to be a lengthy one inasmuch as it would cover details. The essential purpose would be served, I think, if with the understanding I have indicated the second reading were given and the bill printed, so that we might have an opportunity to read it and get a more thorough understanding of its provisions. With that understanding, explanations could be given in committee as we proceed section by section with the bill.

Mr. GARDINER: As I indicated to the house the other day on the resolution, it is my intention to move that this bill go to the committee on agriculture. With the understanding that it can be fully discussed there, I think the suggestion made by the leader of the opposition is a proper one.

[Mr. Bennett.]

Hon. H. A. STEWART (Leeds): The minister might perhaps answer on the second reading the question which I asked when the resolution was introduced, as to the appointment of officials under the bill. As I recall it, the bill provides that the minister may make the appointments. On the resolution I asked whether the appointments were made at present by the minister or under the Civil Service Act, and he said he thought that some were made by the commission and others by the minister. Has he any further information on that point?

Mr. GARDINER: I thought that was in connection with Bill No. 65.

Mr. STEWART: Possibly it was the other bill.

Mr. GARDINER: I believe so, but the matter can be fully discussed in committee and I shall have no objection to bringing down the information.

Mr. STEWART: Section 9 of the present bill reads:

Such inspectors and analysts may be appointed as the minister may consider necessary for the effective carrying out of the provisions of this act.

Mr. GARDINER: That is an entirely new provision.

Mr. STEWART: I was trying to find out from the minister how they are appointed now. There must be officials discharging duties of this kind now. Are they appointed by the civil service commission or by the minister? I think the provision now is that they shall be appointed in the manner provided by law, which would appear to be by the civil service commission.

Mr. GARDINER: I take it this is an entirely new section. I would have to get information as to whether this is a different set of inspectors. I will get the information for the committee. Probably one explanation is that these analysts may be of a particular kind who would have to be chosen because of special qualifications.

Mr. BENNETT: This is an obvious attempt to circumvent the Civil Service Act, and it will not succeed.

Mr. GARDINER: Replying to that remark may I say that if it were so I would have more information about it.

Mr. BENNETT: No, the minister would not disclose it.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on agriculture and colonization.