

MILITIA PENSION BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill 5, an Act to amend the Militia Pension Act.

He said: Honourable senators, this is a very simple Bill, and I fear that if I read the memorandum which I have received from the department it might confuse the matter. The purpose of the amendment is to authorize pensions granted under the Militia Pension Act to the widows of officers, and the compassionate allowances to the children of deceased officers, to be paid in equal monthly instalments in arrear instead of in advance. Under the present practice, if a beneficiary dies there is hardly ever any reimbursement of that portion of the pension which covers the period subsequent to death.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Does it not mean that the payment, instead of being made a year in advance, will be made a month in advance?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Previously the money was paid yearly in advance; now it is to be paid monthly in arrear.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Instead of being paid in advance the money will be paid at the end of each month.

Hon. Mr. LEGER: In that case would it not be better to transpose the words "in arrear" and place them after the word "payable"?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not think it would be an improvement.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Perhaps the honourable gentleman will tell us what "in arrear" means. Is payment made after the month has gone by?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes. It is just the opposite to "in advance."

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

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: As the Bill consists of but one clause, which is accepted by the Senate, I move the third reading now.

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

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DOMINION FRANCHISE BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill 7, an Act to amend the Dominion Franchise Act.

He said: Honourable senators, Parliament last year amended the Dominion Franchise Act in such a manner as to suspend the revision of the general electoral lists throughout Canada for one year. A general revision of the lists is a very costly procedure, and it suffices that lists be prepared for by-elections. I have seen it stated, I think, that last year the cost of the lists for the two or three by-elections was only \$12,000 instead of \$200,000 or \$300,000.

The Bill before us has the same effect as the Bill of last year, namely, to postpone the revision of the existing lists for one year. It is in exactly the same terms as the Bill of last year.

I move the second reading.

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

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.

DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill 8, an Act to amend the Dairy Industry Act.

He said: The proposed measure will in no way affect the principle of the Dairy Industry Act. It involves three minor amendments, the first of which prevents the placing of foreign matter in milk or cream. Previously the restriction applied only to milk. It is now intended to include both milk and cream.

The second amendment has to do with an amendment passed last year. Because of its position in the measure of last session the penalty which applied was much too severe. Consequently the section passed last year is repealed, and it is re-enacted under section 3 of the present measure.

The last section of the Bill refers to a number of items such as storing, packaging, handling and transporting of dairy products, which may be controlled by regulation in the department.

With these explanations, I move the second reading of the Bill.