

Section 22 of the said Act is repealed and the following is substituted therefor:—

22. The days between the fifteenth day of May and the first day of July in each year, except in the year 1936, shall be a revisal period during which all Registrars of Electors shall, pursuant to this Act and in the manner indicated in this Part, make and certify revised lists of electors for all polling divisions.

The Act is left intact except for the year 1936, and this is what we want to accomplish.

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: I suppose 1936 does not appear anywhere else in the Act.

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON: No.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: I do not follow these bills very closely, but as I think this amendment practically makes this a new bill, it may be appropriate to offer an observation with respect to the bills that come to us from the House of Commons for approval. I am sure that every honourable senator knows how much time was wasted last year on imperfect bills that came from the other House, some of which were sent back with as many as fifty or fifty-four amendments. The proposed amendment would seem to be a very simple one, and it is rather discouraging to find that the Bill placed before us for consideration, as a result of the very first effort, has to be practically rewritten. Fortunately, this measure is short, and we are not busy, but I hope that later in the session we shall not be called upon to rewrite a lot of important legislation.

The proposed amendment was agreed to.

The preamble and the title were agreed to.

The Bill was reported.

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.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING

Bill A, an Act to incorporate the Economical Mutual Fire Insurance Company.—Right Hon. Mr. Graham.

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

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON.

THE SENATE

Thursday, March 5, 1936.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING

Bill B, an Act to incorporate Domestic Finance Corporation.—Hon. Mr. Marcotte.

DOMINION LANDS ACT

APPROVAL OF ORDERS IN COUNCIL

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

Resolved, that the Orders in Council made between the 1st day of January, 1935, and the 31st day of December, 1935, under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, chapter 113, R.S.C. 1927, and which were laid on the Table on the 11th February, 1936, be approved.

The motion was agreed to.

PRIVATE BILL

SECOND READING

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM moved the second reading of Bill A, an Act to incorporate the Economical Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

He said: Honourable members, with the consent of the House I am moving the second reading of this Bill to-day. As I understand the Bill, its real object is to give federal incorporation to a concern that has been operating many years in Kitchener, Ontario, under a provincial charter. On looking at the measure you will observe, I think, that the directors are the same persons who have been directors of the provincially incorporated company. At least, they are all very substantial men. The business is perfectly solvent and in good financial condition, and it is merely with respect to the expansion of the business that it is desired to have a Dominion charter. If the Bill is given second reading, I should like to see it referred to the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: Why not the Private Bills Committee?

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Insurance bills have ordinarily been handled before the Banking and Commerce Committee, on account of the fact that the Superintendent of Insurance usually attends that committee and expresses his approval or disapproval of the measures that are dealt with.