

DOMINION ELECTIONS BILL
CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Right Hon. Mr. Meighen, the Senate went into Committee on Bill 115, an Act respecting the Election of Members of the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. Donnelly in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: The draftsman of this Bill and I went over it, as we did with the other Bill, with a view to ascertaining whether the amendments made in another place were properly inserted. We examined all the amendments and found two or three omissions. The first is on page 73. An amendment was made that the word "Amendments" should be inserted as a heading between sections 110 and 111, but this insertion has not been made.

Hon. Mr. PARENT: Where is the official copy? It appears to be in the hands of only one man.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Had we not better wait until we get the official copy?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: This is the official copy transmitted to this House.

Hon. Mr. PARENT: Is it signed?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: You are putting in a heading?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Yes, the word "Amendments" before section 111, on page 73.

The amendment was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: A very large section was added to the Bill, but there was a failure to give the numbers of the sections of the Act, and of the forms. The figure 42 will be inserted at page B, line 13. Then comes the insertion of the figure 43 after the words, "The ballot paper shall be in Form No." Then the word "forty-six" is inserted.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: What page, and what line?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Page B, line 36.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Let us have it correct for the reporter. That is the main thing.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Page B, line 36.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: What is done there?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: The word "forty-six" is inserted in the blank.

The amendments to page B were agreed to.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Then, on page C, in line 43, for the figures 51 and 52 insert the words "fifty-one and fifty-two."

The amendment was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: The material changes are those where blanks are filled in. The numbers of the forms and the sections were left out.

The Bill was reported, as amended.

THIRD READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the third reading of the Bill.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: As no further business has come over from the House of Commons, the only step we can take is to adjourn during pleasure, to reassemble at the call of the bell. It is impossible for me to say when the other bills will be over from the House of Commons.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting of the Senate was resumed.

PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 113, an Act to provide for the construction and improvement of certain public works and undertakings throughout Canada.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. CALDER moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable members, I am sure we are all more or less acquainted with the provisions of this Bill and with the situation which has existed for some time, and which necessitates providing for what is ordinarily termed relief. I understand that elsewhere the Bill was the subject of considerable contention. No doubt many honourable senators would like to see public works carried on in their own districts. In other words, criticism is likely to be directed against what is not in the Bill.

I feel confident that the Government has given a great deal of consideration to the details of the measure, and I shall not attempt to deal with them.