

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Yes.

Mr. FIELDING. I see no objection to that, and the section might be amended accordingly.

Section as amended agreed to.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I would move to insert after the word 'company' on the fifteenth line, section 5, the words 'and its shareholders.'

Mr. FIELDING. I do not see any objection to that.

Mr. MACPHERSON. It should read, first against the new company and its shareholders and then against the old company and its shareholders.

Section as amended agreed to.

Mr. PUGSLEY. I would call the attention of the Minister of Finance to section 18, by which the bringing into force of this Act is made to depend on a vote of the shareholders. As the bringing into force of the Act might be a matter of importance I would suggest that when the vote of the shareholders has been taken, the Secretary of State should be informed and he should publish a proclamation which would bring the Bill into force and avoid the objection.

Mr. FIELDING. This was under consideration in the committee. Of course it is not desirable that the bringing into force of an Act should depend on the vote of certain shareholders and not on a proclamation. We were met, however, by the fact that this was the form used in several Acts and it seems to have worked satisfactorily; therefore it was allowed to stand. The same thought presented itself to me as has presented itself to the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Pugsley), but it was decided that, in view of the circumstances I have mentioned, it was not necessary to change it.

Bill reported, read the third time, and passed.

DOMINION GUARANTEE COMPANY, LIMITED.

House in committee on Bill (No. 127) respecting the Dominion Guarantee Company, Limited.—Mr. Pringle.

Mr. LENNOX. Is the Minister of Finance satisfied about the agreement referred and confirmed in this Bill?

Mr. FIELDING. It is an ordinary mortgage agreement and has been examined by the officials of the department.

Bill reported, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. MACPHERSON.

QUESTIONS.

PORT PHYSICIAN AT NORTH SYDNEY.

Mr. SPROULE—by Mr. Blain—asked:

1. What salary does Dr. Horace Rhindress receive as port physician at North Sydney?
2. How much was paid last year to boats or steamers for conveying Dr. Rhindress to steamers entering the harbour?
3. How much was paid up to date for providing apartments for Dr. Rhindress at North Sydney?
4. How much was paid within the last year for putting in grates, bath tubs, furnishings, furniture, &c., for Dr. Rhindress' rooms or offices at North Sydney, and to whom paid?
5. Who owns the building in which such offices or apartments are situated?
6. At whose request was such expenditure made?

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works). So far as concerns my department, the government has not expended any money in providing or fitting up or furnishing apartments, rooms or offices for Dr. Rhindress at North Sydney.

PUBLIC BUILDING AT ACTONVALE.

Mr. MONK asked:

1. What was the amount of the contract for the construction of a public building at Actonvale, Quebec?
2. What is the total cost of said construction to date, including all extras?
3. What was the cost of the installation of electric lights in said building?
4. What is the total amount paid for lighting, heating and maintenance generally to date?

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY (Minister of Public Works):

1. \$10,250.
2. Actual cost of building including extras \$10,760. This does not include cost of site, fittings, heating, tower clock, wiring, superintendence, &c.
3. \$425.
4. \$2,106.23.

IMPORTATIONS OF BRASS

Mr. STAPLES—by Mr. W. J. Roche—asked:

1. How much plate and rod brass, respectively, was imported into Canada during the years 1905, 1906 and 1907?
2. What was the quality of said plate and rods?
3. What was the amount of duty collected?

Hon. WM. PATERSON (Minister of Customs). The importations of the above mentioned articles during the fiscal years 1905, 1906 and the nine months ending March 31, 1907, have been as follows: