

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Clause 6 reads:

6. The Governor in Council shall have power to do and authorize such acts and things and to make such orders and regulations as he may by reason of the existence of real or apprehended war, invasion or insurrection deem necessary or advisable for the security, defence, peace, order and welfare of Canada.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—That is enough.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—It would be just as well to have the statement go out to the people of Canada, that any citizen leaving this country to participate in the war against England should not be permitted to return, under penalty of death, and that in the meantime his family will be deported, and his property confiscated. We are in this war to fight, and let us fight it to a finish, and under no conditions permit foreigners who leave to take up arms against the British Empire to return to Canada.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—In reading clause 6, the hon. leader stopped at the words 'welfare of Canada,' and I think the words that follow rather restrict the interpretation he placed upon it.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Provision is made in the Act, that the enumeration of the powers under the subclauses a, b, c, etc., shall not restrict the general powers in the earlier portion of the clause. The clause continues:

And for greater certainty, but not so as to restrict the generality of the foregoing terms, it is hereby declared that the powers of the Governor in Council shall extend to all matters coming within the classes of subjects hereinafter enumerated.

Hon. Mr. KERR—Subclause 'f' makes provision for forfeiture.

The clause was adopted.

On clause 13:

13. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8 of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Act, Revised Statutes 1906, chapter 91, the Governor in Council may from time to time authorize the appointment of such number of constables, supernumerary constables, scouts and boys, in addition to the numbers limited by the said section, as he thinks necessary.

The CHAIRMAN—I should like to know what it is proposed to do under this clause. It gives unlimited power to the Governor in Council to increase the number of the Northwest Mounted Police.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It would be an emergency increase. In the four western

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provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, there are a great number of foreigners from those nations with which we are at war, and an emergency condition might arise necessitating the Government exercising a power of this kind. It will be exercised very sparingly, and only I would think during a state of war.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—The Government has taken the responsibility of the whole proceeding.

The clause was adopted.

Hon. Mr. POWER, from the Committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I should like to ask the minister as to the expression 'scouts and boys.' Is that not intended for Boy Scouts?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No, boys I understand are enlisted in the Mounted Police as buglers.

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

THE WAR APPROPRIATION ACT, 1914, BILL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill No. 3, An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for Military and Naval Defence.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved the second reading of the Bill. He said: The Government is asking for a vote considerably in excess of what present conditions will require to be expended. It is desirable to provide for contingencies, and it is thought desirable that the Government should have an amount at its command to meet whatever demands may be made upon it.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Would the Government apply a portion of this fund to assist any of our own people at home, should such aid be required?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That is for defence?

Hon. Mr. WATSON—There may be stoppage of trade involving suffering by widows