

# LEGISLATURE

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visions which were a great improvement on anything which had been before suggested, and he thought the House might arrive at good general conclusions from the draft. He congratulated the hon. gentleman, who had approached the subject in a more definite and successful way than had before been done.

Mr. CLINKSKILL failed to agree with the arguments of the mover. The Bill was one which essentially should have emanated from the Government. They had no more important subject to deal with. It was a subject of much litigation, and the provisions of the law should be thoroughly reviewed and tested before being placed on the statute book. He looked upon the Bill as an opening for the letting out of fires and to give parties a means of escape from punishment. He entirely opposed the provision to compel people to fire guard their farms before they could get damages for destruction of their property. That was an impossible provision. For instance it was absurd to propose to compel a man to fireguard growing crops. At the same time some of the provisions proposed were great improvements upon the present law, but while this was so, the Bill should have been introduced on the responsibility of the Government, and he could not vote for it. He moved the six months' hoist, seconded by Mr. Tim (Victoria).

Mr. EAKIN (Saskatoons) was also of opinion that a Bill dealing with the subject should be introduced by the Government. The law involved civil action and very important procedure of the greatest interest to the public. At the same time he did not quite like to vote the six months' hoist.

The hon. Member for Yorkton must have spent a lot of time and put in a lot of work to frame such a Bill, which contained many good improvements.

If the Government would agree to take it up, or if the mover would agree to have the Bill referred to a committee, Mr. Eakin thought it would be well. The people in his district had suggested some such action in reference to spring fires as contained in the Bill, but he had foreseen a difficulty in the lack of proper organization. Perhaps with the help of a state labor organization a way would be provided.

It was the fall fires which did the destruction. If the grass was burned in the spring, fires would not run in the fall.

Mr. AGNEW (Prince Albert) opposed the amendment, and disagreed wholly from Messrs. Clinkskill and Eakin. The Bill itself he thought very good as a whole. In his district the country was bluffy. The bluffs held snow until late in the spring, and the country could be burned over in the spring without danger, and as a measure of safety for the fall, in his election campaign he argued in favor of having District Overseers act as fireguards. He agreed with Mr. Haultain had said regarding the Police, who had given invaluable service. He thought the Member for Yorkton had a perfect right to introduce the Bill. The Members should bring in Bills to get practice in framing legislation. Some of them might some day be in the Government.

Mr. GILLIES (Whitehead) had at first intended to oppose the second reading, as there were certain provisions of the Bill with which he did not agree; but as the mover offered the greatest latitude in committee, and as the Bill as a whole was good, he would vote for it. He believed it might be made into a good and effective law.

Mr. ROSS (Moose Jaw) said that prairie fires was a subject which the House had considered year after year. Committee after committee had struggled with it, and year after year the combined wisdom of the Assembly had been unable to cope effectively with the very serious subject. They failed to make law as effective as was wished or as was required. It was a most difficult question to deal with. The immense areas of un-settled districts in the country, made it a matter almost of impossibility to keep down fires. He did not think the Government had any reason to take umbrage at the introduction of the Bill. It was not an administrative Bill. It was a Bill which was quite within the province of any Member to introduce; and in point of fact any Member had perfect right to introduce any Bill which he might see fit. The Government could either accept or reject the propositions contained. The Member for Yorkton had spoken respecting prairie legislation to members of the Government, and had pointed out that the existing law fell far short of giving satisfaction in his part of the country; he had said he believed he could propose provisions for a more effective law, and the Government were pleased to have him do anything which would tend to improve the law and prevent destruction by prairie fires. He (Mr. Ross) would not say that he could accept the Bill in its entirety. The provisions regarding spring burning for instance would bear discussion. While in certain portions of the country such a provision might be very advisable, in other portions it might be very disadvantageous. In parts of the west it would be unable to burn in January as at any other time of the year. He hoped the Bill would allow the second reading. The mover had himself suggested latitude in committee. His desire was to get a law passed which should keep down fires. Some of the provisions of the Bill were likely to prove very beneficial. The Bill contained new ideas, and it would ill become the House to reject the new and good ideas of its new Members. They could probably make the Bill one of benefit to the part of the country represented by the hon. mover, and to the country as a whole.

Dr. PATRICK In closing the debate said his remarks upon the Police were in no way intended to cast a reflection upon the force. He had simply endeavored to show how a provision of the law had led individual members of the force to act in a certain way, and he knew of instances where they seemed to be more interested in securing the half-fine than in the prevention of fires. But in his district the members of the force as a whole had given very valuable service, and he would not like his remarks to be taken to mean any reflection upon the force. He had introduced the Bill, being aware of the right of any Member to bring in Bills of certain kinds, such as this one, and no apology was due from him to the House for his having introduced the Bill. He thanked his fellow greenhorn from Prince Albert—if the term was allowable—for his joking compliment.

Mr. Agnew—No joke at all. Dr. Patrick—Don't make it worse. He was at a loss to understand Mr. Clinkskill's objections in view of his own expressed desire to give every opportunity to the House to amend and improve the Bill in Committee. If he had shown a desire to tie the House down to every provision in the Bill, he would be able to understand the objections, and he was driven to the conclusion that the hon. Member for Battleford had primed himself.

Mr. Bannerman did not want to legislate for the balance of \$98,000 remaining from the

up to oppose the Bill, and had failed to give weight to the promise of latitude which he (Dr. Patrick) hoped the House would take in Committee. He would point out that it would be perfectly in order, after the Bill was read a second time, to refer it to a select or standing committee of the House.

On the division Messrs. Clinkskill, Tim and McCauley voted for the six months' hoist. The Bill was read the second time.

ESTIMATES.

A Message was received from His Honour the Lt.-Governor transmitting the Estimates of certain sums required for the public service of the Territories for the 16 months ending 31st December, 1898.

Mining COMPANIES.

The Bill (Mr. Bannerman) dealing with the constitution of, and respecting the shares and stock of, mining companies, was passed through committee and report.

STEAM BOILER INSPECTION.

Some time was spent in committee on the Bill respecting inspection of steam boilers and examination of engineers.

Dr. Brett hoped the Bill wouldn't put a hardship upon owners of steam heating boilers, which were rarely put under pressure of more than 7 to 15 lbs.

There was considerable discussion respecting threshing engineers. The Bill provides that engineers who have been acting as such for two years prior to the time the Bill becomes law, may be exempted from examination.

GAME.

The Bill to amend the Game Ordinance in regard to deer and mountain sheep and goats, was further amended on motion of Messrs. Gill and Knowling to provide a close season for deer until 1st Oct., 1901, in the Moose Mountain country; and in motion of Dr. Patrick to make it lawful to capture alive and domesticate the fawn.

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