

Hon. Mr. TEMPLEMAN—The original Bill as submitted in the House of Commons read that certain sections of the Shipping Act should not apply in British Columbia. Consequently it was proposed under the first Bill to make such persons eligible. That is the point. They are not eligible in the Bill as it stands.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—That is not repealed?

Hon. Mr. TEMPLEMAN—No, and it will apply to British Columbia the same as to the rest of the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. ELLIS, from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES REPRESENTATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of Bill (156), An Act to amend the Northwest Territories Representation Act. He said: In the Northwest there are no regular voters' lists. The lists are made up after the issue of the writ. Enumerators are appointed either by the Governor in Council or by the returning officers and the enumerator goes around and makes up his list in a very primitive way, and files three copies of it in the polling division. There has in the past been considerable liberty allowed as to the place where a man might vote. I think men have sometimes voted outside of the district in which they live. The first clause of the Bill provides that except that as hereinafter provided—which applies to scrutineers or deputy returning officers who are allowed to go outside of their own divisions to vote—an elector may only vote at the polling station of the division in which he is a resident at the time of voting. The next clause makes provision for the posting of the lists. It must be done in a post office or some public place. Heretofore the lists were practically not posted, but they were put up at any three places which the enumerator thought proper. Of course after the province has been organized the legislature will no doubt enact laws with regard to the franchise. As we have adopted the provincial franchise, this Bill is simply for the short period which must elapse until the territory organizes and prepares voters lists.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill passed through its final stages under a suspension of the rules.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY BILL.

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Mr. TEMPLEMAN moved the second reading of Bill (186) An Act to provide for the regulation of Wireless Telegraphy in Canada. He said: This Bill is introduced upon the suggestion of the home authorities, and is, I believe, almost an exact copy of a Bill passed by the imperial parliament last session. It provides for regulating wireless telegraphy, making it illegal for any wireless telegraphic station to be installed without first obtaining a license. It provides also for the form and conditions of the license, and the penalty for working without a license. The Bill is a very simple one. It is necessitated by the new discovery of wireless telegraphy, and it is to meet the conditions arising therefrom.

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

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

On the third clause.

Hon. Mr. ELLIS—This clause provides that—

3. No person shall establish any wireless telegraph station, or instal or work any apparatus for wireless telegraphy in any place or on board any ship registered in Canada.

One can understand why the license should be obtained from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries with reference to a ship, but what right has he to control 'any place,' or what right has the government of Canada to control any place.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Any place in the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. TEMPLEMAN—The Dominion government have established a number of wireless telegraphic stations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and along the Labrador coast, the most recent one being on Sable Island, and it is essential that the government should have the right to license stations in any place in Canada. The establishment of these wireless telegraphic stations all over the Dominion is a very important thing.