

SENATE APPROVES IMMIGRATION BILL

Measure Calling For Closer Supervision Gets Second Reading.

The measure by which the Government proposes to exercise more strictly a supervision over immigration into Canada, and require proper behavior from strangers who come to reside in Canada, was approved by the Senate yesterday in the second reading of the bill amending the Immigration Act.

Sir James Lougheed, in proposing the bill, said that the experience of Canada with classes of people who had entered under the policy of unrestricted immigration showed that there was need for the exercise of greater authority in the selection of proper immigrants. Canada was a land of opportunity, but it was not desirable that people should be permitted to come and enjoy the advantages of Canadian life who were not suited to the needs of the country. The bill gave greater authority for the restriction of immigration to the classes and nationalities desired by Canada and for the deportation of persons who, after coming, proved by their behavior that they were not inclined to obey the laws and to make acceptable citizens of the country.

Senator Bostock, Leader of the Opposition, expressed approval of the principle of the bill. He said that in the past there had been too much of a disposition by immigrants to Canada to remain in the cities instead of going on the land, where they could do the most good for themselves and for the country.

Senator Bradbury objected to the admission of aliens from enemy countries. He said that there had been great difficulties during the war from persons who had come to Canada from unfriendly countries and who showed hostile attitude toward the land of their adoption. He asked that, in the committee stage of the bill, there should be an amendment forbidding for the next ten years the admission to Canada of any immigrant from Russia or from an enemy alien country.

The second reading was given unanimously.