

The Senate,

Committee Room No.368,

Friday 21st June,1923.

Pursuant to adjournment and Notice the Special Committee of the Senate on Bill No. 45, intituled: "An Act respecting Chinese Immigration," met this day at 11-30 A.M.

Present: The Honourable Messieurs:

Ross (Middleton),.....Chairman,

Dandurand, Fowler, Macdonell, Prowse, Sharpe and Taylor,...7.

Mr. Percy Reid and Mr. Joliffe, representing the Department of Immigration, were in attendance.

RESOLVED to report the Bill with the following amendments, viz:-

Page 5, lines 45 to 47 inclusive.—Strike out "The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to Canadian citizens, or to persons in transit through Canada" and insert "The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to persons residing in Canada at the date of the passing of this Act nor to Canadian citizens."

Page 6, line 16.—After "permit" insert "Provided that if, on the preliminary hearing, the Controller is not satisfied that such person is entitled to remain in Canada, the hearing shall be thereupon adjourned for forty-eight hours or for such longer period as the Controller may see fit and an opportunity shall be

given such person to consult with duly accredited legal counsel who shall be entitled to represent him upon the hearing and upon all subsequent proceedings".

Page 8, line 4.—After "prescribed" insert "Provided that those persons who may, during the time fixed for registration, be absent from Canada with authority to return, may register upon their return."

Page 10, line 13.—Strike out "as to which the decision of the controller shall be final".

Page 11, line 21.—Strike out "or peace officer".

Page 11, line 35.—For "shall" substitute "may".

Page 11, lines 46 to 48 inclusive, and

Page 12, lines 1 to 10 inclusive.—For clause 27 substitute the following:—

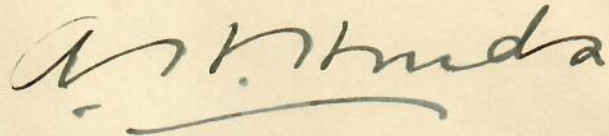
"27. (1) Every person of Chinese origin or descent resident in Canada at the date of the coming into force of this Act, who was admitted under the provisions of any Act now or heretofore in force, and did not secure such admission by fraudulent misrepresentation, and does not belong to any of the prohibited classes of persons described in section 8 of this Act, shall be deemed to be entitled to continue to reside in Canada. Provided, however, that any such person who was, subsequent to the 25th day of July, 1917, admitted without payment of the head tax because of his being a merchant and who has ceased to belong to such class, shall pay into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada the sum of five hundred dollars, and if he refuses or fails to make such payment he shall *ipso facto* forfeit his right to remain in Canada, and may be arrested by any officer without a warrant and brought before a Controller for examination, whereupon he shall be dealt with to all intents and purposes in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as in the case of a person apprehended under section 26 of this Act.

(2) Any person admitted under this Act who at any time after admission ceases to belong to any of the admissable classes as defined by this Act shall, unless he is a Canadian citizen, *ipso facto* forfeit his right to remain in Canada and may be arrested by any officer without a warrant and brought before a Controller for examination, whereupon he shall be dealt with to all intents and purposes in the same manner and subject to the same provisions as in the case of a person apprehended under section 26 of this Act."

Page 14, line 20.—After "citizen" insert "or has acquired Canadian domicile".

The Committee then adjourned to the call of the  
Chairman.

ATTEST.



Chief Clerk of Committees.

