the proposition is to give the municipality more power in order to enable them to make the harbour safer, and that too not at the expense of the government, but at the expense of the people who use the harbour. I wish they would adopt the same policy here that they apply in the lower provinces; it would give us an expenditure of three or four hundred thousand dollars that we do not get now.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Halifax)—Speaking of the harbour of Halifax, in which I am more directly interested than any other, we do not get money for dredging. The only public money spent there is for the public service, for the mail and trade steamers between Great Britain and Halifax in the winter time. The Lord has given us the benefit of a good harbour that we can sail in and out of it at all times without a shovelful of dredging being required.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The municipal council of Meaford have sent in a certificate, showing that they have expended during the years I have mentioned \$13,507. The whole expenditure has been practically through the enterprise of the town. They have built up the harbour and are entitled to the control of it.

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

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, the 2nd of June, at three p.m.

# THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Tuesday, June 2, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

DIVISION OF LEGISLATION BETWEEN HOUSE OF COMMONS AND SENATE.

## MOTION.

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN moved:

That a copy of the resolution passed by the Senate on the 19th instant, as follows: Resolved that the Senate deems it expedient

Resolved that the Senate deems it expedient to invite the House of Commons to co-operate with it by means of a joint committee to consider the advisability of divising methods where-

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by a more equal division of the initiation of private and public legislation may be secured between the two branches of parliament, and adopting rules governing debate which will limit the time of discussion so as to better expedite business.

Be forwarded to the House of Commons by

the proper officer of the Senate.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I was under the impression that the feeling of senators was averse to proceeding with this motion any further, and it was understood by many hon. gentlemen that the resolution would be allowed to drop. I hope the hon. gentleman from Wellington will not proceed.

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN—Oh, yes, I make the motion.

The House divided on the motion, which was adopted on the following division:

#### Contents:

The Honourable Messrs.

Baird, McDonald Beith, (Cape Breton), McHugh, Béique, Campbell, McMullen. McSweeney, Cartwright (Sir Frederick), Riley, Ross (Halifax), Casgrain, Cloran, Ross (Middlesex), Comeau. Roy. Scott. Derbyshire, Domville, Shehyn, Talbot, Thibaudeau Douglas, Gibson. (de La Vallière), Jaffray. Watson, Young.—28. Kerr.

The Horourable Mesar.

### Non-Contents:

Boucherville de, Bowell McMillan, (Sir Mackenzie), Mitchell, Davis, Owens. Edwards, Perlev. Ellis, Poirier, Ferguson, Power, Robertson, Kirchhoffer. Thompson, Wilson.—19. Legris. McKay (Truro),

# DELAYED RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—May I ask my hon. friend the leader of the House, if that return of which I spoke last week has yet been received?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, it has not, I am sorry to say. It has been promised from time to time. I can do no more than re-