

Well, it seems to me that we could easily arrange to lend him occasionally to the House of Commons, and the loan would result in great profit to that House.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I should not mind that, but what should we get in exchange?

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

#### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: Two Bills dealing with the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company have yet to come over to us from the other House. In the meantime we have no further business.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Perhaps we should adjourn during pleasure.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I think that is the best thing to do. I move that the House adjourn during pleasure, to reconvene at the call of the bell when the Bills are available.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

#### BEAUHARNOIS LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY BILL

##### FIRST READING

Bill 143, an Act respecting the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company, Limited.—  
Hon. Mr. Willoughby.

##### SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved the second reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Explain.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Explain, please.

Hon. W. B. WILLOUGHBY: This Bill deals with Order in Council P.C. 422, dated March 8, 1929, as amended by Order in Council P.C. 1081, dated June 22, 1929, purporting to be made under the provisions of the Navigable Waters Protection Act, and the validity of an agreement dated June 25, 1929, between the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company, Limited, and the Government, based upon the amended Order in Council.

The second clause of the Bill gives to the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company, its successors or assigns—making provision, of course, for the fact that the Government has taken over the project—the right to divert from Lake St. Francis up to but not exceed-

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ing 53,072 cubic second feet of water of the flow of the St. Lawrence river, to be returned to Lake St. Louis, and to be used for the development of hydro-electric power between those two said points in such manner, upon such terms and conditions, and with such limitations and reservations, as may be prescribed by Order of the Governor in Council.

Clause 3 provides that no further or additional diversion of water shall be made by the said company except with the express approval of Parliament. You will note that it is not by Order in Council, but with the approval of Parliament.

The Bill is to come into force by proclamation of the Governor in Council.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Do I understand that the Order in Council which is cancelled is replaced by the present Bill?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: The two Orders in Council.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Order in Council No. 422, dated March 8, 1929, as amended by Order in Council 1081, dated June 22, 1929, and the agreement between the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company, Limited, and His Majesty the King, dated June 25, 1929, are hereby annulled.

Clause 2 gives the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company the right to divert from Lake St. Francis up to 53,072 cubic second feet of water of the flow of the River St. Lawrence. This water is to be returned to Lake St. Louis, and is to be used for the development of hydro-electric power in such manner, upon such terms and conditions, and with such limitations and reservations as may be prescribed by Order of the Governor in Council. That means—I stand to be corrected if I am in error—that these Orders in Council and the agreement of June 25, 1929, between the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company and His Majesty the King, are partially replaced by this Bill so far as the amount of water that can be diverted is concerned.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But also by another Order in Council, the development being subject to such terms and conditions, and such limitations and reservations, as the Governor in Council may deem advisable. I should like to have some information as to what effect this cancellation will have upon the company, which obtained powers from the Province of Quebec to build a waterway and develop water-power under certain conditions.