he has a list of these vessels owned by the Government.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes, I will give my honourable friend that information.

Hon. Mr. BENNETT: I would ask that the notice stand until I get the information.

# CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS CONSTRUCTION BILL

#### INQUIRY

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: I would like to ask the leader of the Government if he will place on the Table of the House the estimates, etc., with reference to the Bill that was brought down yesterday for the construction of railways. We have not a shred of information except a little that was given to us—and that was very little—by the leader of the Government himself. I tried to find in the Debates of the other House what were the real calculations, but I found scarcely anything but appeals by individual members for their particular pet railway; but data was not given to the lower House and it has not been given to us.

We have taken certain action on that Bill, one ground for that action being that we had no information, and you cannot find any information in the Senate records. The papers which were prepared for my honourable friend, and from which he read to us some slight extracts, ought to be placed on the Table of the House along with the railway map, as a permanent record.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think I handed back to the representative of the Railway Department the document that I had last night. If I have not kept it, I will ask for it this afternoon.

### DAIRY BILL

## THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of Bill 241, an Act to amend the Dairy Industry Act, 1914.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, I was mistaken when I explained this Bill upon the second reading. I had hurriedly gone through the Bill and was under the impression from reading the newspapers that it still contained a clause allowing the Department to make regulations for the renovation of butter. That clause was struck out, and my mistake was because of the erroneous marginal note, "Renovated Butter." Section 2 contains only the definition of "Inspector," and of "Provincial analyst."

Hon. Mr. BENNETT.

Section 3 is an amendment concerning the minimum standard of fat in butter, and provides that:

No person shall manufacture, import into Canada, or sell, offer, expose or have in possession for sale any milk or cream or substitutes therefor which contains any fat or oil other than that of milk.

Section 4 bears the side notes: "minimum standard of fat in butter imported or sold;" fat in manufactured butter;" "weight of butter in prints, blocks, etc." Section 5 increases the penalties for violation of the regulations. Section 6 has to do with: "Establishment of guilt for violation of Act," and "procedure to be followed; samples, analysis and certificates." I think this Bill is a move in the right direction. It does not contain any prescription concerning renovated butter, although those words appear in the marginal note.

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

## SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS BILL

### SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill 232, and Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, this Bill is based upon the recommendations of a Joint Committee of both Houses. Those recommendations were endorsed unanimously by the two branches of Parliament. After the second reading of the Bill, I will ask that it go to Committee, because I have an amendment to submit to the House.

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

### CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, the Senate went into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Willoughby in the chair.

Sections 1 and 2 were agreed to.

On section 3—deductions for non-attend-

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: I am opposed to this Bill altogether, and I do not want it to pass without registering my protest. I believe that the Indemnity Act as we have it to-day is giving good service. It has increased the average attendance of members very considerably. I have not been a member of this Senate for very many years, but under the loose regulations prevailing at the time of my becoming a member, the attendance was very bad. Under the more stringent regu-