

## THE SENATE DEBATES.

## MOTION.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved that the Clerk of the Senate be authorized to pay the official reporters of the debates of the Senate the sum of \$1,000 for services inclusive of their staff for the five days' session of Parliament and for their travelling expenses. He said: We have a contract with the reporters for a lump sum of \$10,000 per session. This session being a very short one, we felt justified in saying to the reporters that there should be a very substantial reduction, and that they should be only paid for the services which they have rendered during those five days. They have incurred considerable disbursements in travelling and on account of their staff, and we have fixed the amount at \$1,000.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Possibly some arrangement could be made to continue the contract for next year. We generally make a contract at the end of the session for the following session. When the House prorogued last June we did not expect this short session to intervene. Could there be a word added to the report providing that a contract be made for next year?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I understand the reporters accept that as a contract for next year. There is no question about it in their mind.

The motion was agreed to.

## NATURALIZATION ACT, 1914, AMENDMENT BILL.

## FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (8), An Act to amend the Naturalization Act, 1914.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved the second reading. He said: The amendments to the Naturalization Act of the session of 1914 are brought about owing to the working out of the English Act. These amendments are for the purpose of bringing our Act into conformity with the English Act. They have made the same amendments there. The purport of the amendments is that the widows of aliens who were British subjects, and also married women who are British subjects and married to aliens, should enjoy a very much more favourable status than was provided in the Act. The amendments

are precisely in the language of the English Act.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Has the hon. leader had an opportunity to inquire into the matter referred to by the hon. gentleman from Ottawa?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I had not an opportunity of discussing it with the Minister of Justice, but I discussed it afterwards with the hon. gentleman from Ottawa, and I am bound to say that I think it is impracticable to legislate for one particular individual. He and I both agreed that possibly the Secretary of State might see a way for the exercise of the powers vested in him towards meeting the conditions which my hon. friend pointed out. The more desirable way is to take it up with the Secretary of State, and ascertain if this power cannot be exercised to the extent the hon. gentleman desires.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the second and third times and passed.

## CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND BILL.

## FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (7) An Act to incorporate the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved the second reading of the Bill. He said: The object of this Bill is to incorporate a number of gentlemen who have volunteered their services for the purpose of establishing a fund to be used in case of need for the wives, children and dependent relatives of officers and men resident in Canada who, during the present war, may be on active service with the naval and militia forces of the empire, and also with Great Britain's allies. The intention is that this corporation should administer whatever fund may be provided in the interests that I have mentioned. It is somewhat similar, I believe, in the framework of the Bill to the fund which was established at the time of the South African war. The gentlemen who are being incorporated, and whose names are set out in clause 2 of the Bill are of the most representative character, and I am satisfied that in the hands of these gentlemen this fund will be wisely administered.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—I think the members of this Chamber will be very pleased indeed