

to receive the petition, any other motion can be made then.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—The hon. Speaker has charge of the petition and it entails an expenditure of money. I ask is it in order? It looks bad for the Speaker to present a petition that is not in order.

The SPEAKER—I mentioned the fact that it was from an alien and that it asked for an expenditure of money.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I should think that the fact that it asks for an expenditure of money was sufficient to rule it out.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock.

SENATE.

OTTAWA, Tuesday, June 26, 1906.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THIRD READINGS.

Bill (198) An Act respecting the British America Assurance Company.—(Hon. Mr. Young.)

Bill (199) An Act respecting the Western Assurance Company.—(Hon. Mr. Watson.)

Bill (135) An Act respecting the Empire Trust Company and to change its name to the Dominion Trust Company.—(Hon. Mr. Mitchell.)

REVILLON BROTHERS BILL.

REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE.

Hon. Sir GEORGE DRUMMOND, from the Committee on Banking and Commerce, reported Bill (76) An Act respecting the Revillon Brothers (Limited), with amendments.

Hon. Mr. COFFEY moved concurrence in the amendments.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I suggested to the chairman of the committee that some of the paragraphs of this Bill should be restricted in their operation. The Bill already con-

tains larger powers than have been given to any other company, and some of the powers are quite unusual. As originally drafted, I think, the provisions were too general. My suggestion was that the paragraphs which particularly affected the public interest should be restricted. For instance paragraph 1, of this Bill reads:

1. Revillon Brothers, Limited, hereinafter called 'the company,' may make contracts with any government, corporation or person, for the carriage of the mails in any portion of the territory in which its fur and trading posts are now or hereafter may be established.

There is nothing to prevent their having trading posts at Toronto, Ottawa, or Montreal, and that would practically give them power to run a mail between those places. I suggested that it should read as follows:

May make contracts with any government, corporation or person for the carriage of mails in any portion of the unorganized territory in which fur and trading posts are now or hereafter may be established.

There can be no objection to that. I am quite sure it escaped the attention of the government and the members of the House of Commons; otherwise it would never have been allowed to come up in that form. Then the expression in clause 3: 'between any of its posts or settlements' evidently contemplated that its operations were not to be carried on wherever telegraphs and telephones had already been established, and I should also limit that to the unorganized territory where they are operating. It would not in any way prevent them from making a connection at the boundary with any company, either telegraph or telephone, which has already been chartered in Canada. Then in regard to clause 9, it is quite evident that the company themselves had not any notion of carrying on an express or money-order business in any part of the settled parts of the Dominion, because this clause distinctly speaks of the territory in which its fur and trading posts are now or may be hereafter established. All I ask is to qualify that by inserting the words: 'In any portion of the unorganized territories.' If the promoters of the Bill are willing to accept my amendments, I have no objection to their going through now. Otherwise I shall move that they be taken into consideration to-morrow.