

of passenger or freight? You know as well as I do that they would have nothing to carry, and that we would be up against it tremendously. If my good friend will travel over the Canadian Pacific railway to-day he would find millions of dollars' worth of locomotives and cars that have been tied up all winter. That road is not doing a fifth of what it is able to do; therefore, what should we expect the other road to be doing to-day if other trains were running over it?

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—I would ask the House if they will agree to adjourn this debate? I would like to speak on this subject on Tuesday or Wednesday next. I therefore move the adjournment of the debate until Wednesday next, unless the leader of the Government is prepared to speak now.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No; I shall look forward with a good deal of interest to what my hon. friend has to say upon the subject.

The motion was agreed to.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill No. 4, An Act respecting the Alberta Central Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. De Veber.

Bill No. 5, An Act respecting the Athabaska and Grande Prairie Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Talbot.

Bill No. 6, An Act respecting the Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Ratz.

Bill No. 7, An Act respecting the British Columbia and White River Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Casgrain.

Bill No. 9, An Act respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Taylor.

Bill No. 10, An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.—Hon. Mr. Thompson.

Bill No. 13, An Act respecting the Montreal and Southern Counties Railway Bill.—Hon. Mr. Casgrain.

Bill No. 21, An Act respecting the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Jones.

Bill No. 22, An Act respecting the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Mitchell.

Bill No. 23, An Act respecting the James Bay and Eastern Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Mitchell.

Bill No. 24, An Act respecting the Ottawa and New York Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Davis.

Bill No. 25, An Act respecting the South Ontario Pacific Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. McHugh.

Bill No. 26, An Act respecting the Southern Central Pacific Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Bostock.

Bill No. 39, An Act to amend the Canada Patriotic Fund Act, 1914.—Hon. Mr. Lougheed.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

FIRST READING.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill No. 57, An Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved that the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—What is the nature of the Bill?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—On account of several members of the House of Commons, and possibly some members of this honourable body, having gone to the war, it is proposed that the Senate and the House of Commons Act should not apply to them, and that their absence from Parliament on active service during the war should not render them ineligible as members, and likewise that they should be entitled to their indemnity during their absence.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—That is all right.

OMISSION IN DEBATES.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Yesterday afternoon, while the House was in session I performed a duty for an absent colleague in asking the House to have the second reading of a very important Bill put over until this day week, which request the House gracefully granted. At the same time I gave my reasons for doing so, although not father of the Bill, but simply to please the hon. gentleman in charge of the Bill. I explained why this postponement was asked and the reasons I gave were that the Bill was a very important one; that the Government through one of its principal departments had the matter under study, that there was no opposition so far as could be ascertained to the principle of the Bill, but that the amendment dovetailing that principle into the Companies Act, might create difficulty. Thereupon I asked