

in the line that you have been following; otherwise you may go beyond what is proper in dealing with producers and consumers?"

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: And get into real trouble.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: It seems to me most important that the Commission should be able to do this. Why should the Commission wait until some citizen commits a crime and then take him into court and prosecute him under section 498?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: And the Commission may hesitate to issue a summons, while it would not hesitate to issue an order to cease and desist.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Every decent-minded judge in Canada, and elsewhere, I assume, would like to see prosecutions avoided, except in cases where they are absolutely essential. There is in all of us a sentiment which makes us desirous of giving other human beings full opportunity to keep clear of serious punishment. This amendment of the Senate was in accordance with human nature. It empowered the Commission to say, "Cease and desist before you cross the line where you will make yourself liable to prosecution and penalties under the Combines Investigations Act or section 498 of the Criminal Code." The striking out of this amendment will be very much to the detriment of the Bill. I suppose we should be regarded as unreasonable if at this late hour of the session we stood pat and said, "Thus far will we go and no further." I assume we have to take a chance on what the future may have in store, but I think it is a real misfortune to have this proposed amendment left out of the Combines Investigation Act.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I agree entirely with my honourable friend from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock). I think the Commons have failed to appreciate the nature of the clause. I may say I did my very best to persuade those whom I was able to see that the amendment was right. I think with longer time I might have succeeded, though the Prime Minister intimated he felt quite strongly on it, and he informed me that the Leader of the Opposition did too. I am sure if the case could have been put to them as it has been put now, there would have been a different attitude. I do not see anything for us to do but accept the Commons' position in respect to this clause; otherwise we should bring about great inconvenience, in view of the attitude apparently taken by both parties in the other

House. But I make this prediction: there will be something of the kind done before many months.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Will a message be sent to the House of Commons?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes. I move that a message be sent to the House of Commons to inform that House that the Senate does not insist on its other amendments to the Bill, but does insist on its amendment to section 26, for the reasons given. Those reasons I have already stated, and they will be epitomized and embodied in the message.

The motion was agreed to.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: There is no other message before the Speaker?

The Hon. the SPEAKER: No.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: We might adjourn during pleasure, to meet in fifteen minutes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If the message has to be prepared, sent over to the other House, and discussed there, and then a message has to be prepared for transmission to this House, these proceedings will take some time.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Then we might adjourn during pleasure, to meet at the call of the bell.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting of the Senate was resumed.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 5

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 116, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1936.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

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

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: What is the total amount?

Hon. Mr. BEAUBIEN: The schedules are lengthy, and at the moment I cannot find the total.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: The figure is \$3,337,000.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Is that all?