

we can by common consent move any amendment we like.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Honourable gentlemen, I would suggest this, to show the good faith of honourable gentlemen on this side: that we should now rise, and my honourable friends on this side will be only too glad to discuss the question to see if we cannot arrive at some satisfactory conclusion.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The point of order raised by the honourable gentleman from Stadacona (Hon. Mr. Landry) is that the amendment moved by the honourable gentleman from Middleton (Hon. Mr. Ross), like all amendments made on the third reading of a public Bill, must be referred back to Committee of the Whole House. I have had very little time to study the question, but I do not see anything in our rules which indicates clearly the way of proceeding. I find, however, in Bournot, Fourth Edition, page 531, the following:

In the Senate, Bills are constantly amended on the third reading without going back to committee. Previous to 1880-81 it was customary not to require a formal motion for the third reading—a practice which sometimes gave rise to misunderstandings when members wished to move amendments. Since then, the third reading is moved regularly as in the Commons. The practice in moving amendments is still very variable. Amendments are now moved after the reading of the order, or on the motion for the third reading.

We are referred then to the Senate Journals of 1867-8, pages 124, 278; 1876, pages 115, 183 and 212; 1878, page 186; 1880, page 247; 1882, page 334; 1884, pages 225 and 257; and the same practice in the Lords.

I find also in the Journals of the Senate for last session, when my honourable friend from Stadacona (Hon. Mr. Landry) was the Speaker of the Senate—and we all know how well informed he was on points of order; he knew the procedure perfectly well, and would not allow an amendment to be moved until he was satisfied it was perfectly in order—I find the following:

The Order of the Day being read for the Third Reading of the Bill 66, "An Act in aid of Provincial Legislation prohibiting or restricting the sale or use of Intoxicating Liquors," as amended,

It was moved, That the said Bill, as amended, be now read a third time.

It was moved in amendment, That the word "not" be inserted before the word "now" in the said motion and that the following words be added at the end of the question: "but that

it be amended by adding the following as subsection 2 to section 2:

"No brewer or distiller shall distil, manufacture or brew, within the boundaries of any province that has adopted prohibition, under the like penalties."

The vote was then taken.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: But there was no objection raised.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: My decision is that the point of order is not well taken.

Hon. Mr. THOMPSON: I would ask His Honour the Speaker, is it then our right to continue to move amendments on the third reading? Is there no limit in moving amendments?

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Other amendments may be moved.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

The Senate resumed at eight o'clock.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

On the Senate being resumed:

The debate was adjourned.

DRY DOCKS AMENDMENT BILL.

FIRST READING.

Bill 134, an Act to amend the Dry Docks Subsidies Act, 1910.—Hon. Sir James Lougheed.

The Senate adjourned until eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

THE SENATE.

Wednesday, September 19, 1917.

First Sitting.

The Senate met at Eleven o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

DISORDER AT FORD CITY.

INQUIRY.

Before the Orders of the Day:

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I should like to know from the honourable minister in this House if he would be willing to inquire who called out the Militia at the time of the Ford city disturbance. Some one is responsible. Everyone wants to shirk the responsibility, but I want to find out who did it.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I may say to my honourable friend that I made inquiries some days ago, and it was not then known that they had been called out. I will inquire further.