the whole of their time to the service of their country, receive $9,500, including their sessional indemnity; and yet the Speaker, who is obliged to give his time only when Parliament is in session and perhaps a week or two before and a week or two afterwards, to fulfil the duties of his office, is to receive $3,500 more than a Minister of the Crown received under the old Act. This applies not only to the Speaker of this House but to the Speaker of the other House as well. I say that the increase is too great. That is my opinion, and I am not afraid to express it.

Section 4 was agreed to.

On section 5—sessional indemnity:

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: This extends the minimum session for which an indemnity is payable from 30 days to 50 days?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: And the new section 33 requires that a member must be in attendance for at least three-quarters of the sitting days of the House to be entitled to the indemnity of $4,000. Is not that the case?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: How does the 15 days allowance come in? Is it when the member has attended for at least three-quarters of the sitting days?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: And the last two weeks of the session.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: In the new section 35 I find these words:

Provided also that the deduction shall be made for every day on which a member does not attend a sitting of the House of which he is a member during the last two weeks of any session of Parliament.

So I take it that as the sessions generally run, the 15 days allowance will not be of any advantage to honourable members of this House.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It will not be of the same advantage as it formerly was.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: If a member is present for three-quarters of the time he gets his full indemnity.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: If he falls short of that the allowance is $25 for each day's attendance.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: That is the point I want to have cleared up.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: As I understand it, a member of Parliament will not be entitled to his full indemnity if he does not attend three-quarters of the sittings of the House of which he is a member.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But when he has attained that 75 per cent attendance he is entitled to the $4,000 indemnity; but from that $4,000 will be deducted $25 for each day that he is absent beyond the 15 days that are allowed him.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Certainly.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I do not think the honourable gentleman (Hon. Sir James Lougheed) has quite caught my point, because this provision regarding the last two weeks of the session does not apply there at all.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No, the 15 days at the close of the session do not apply there. The 15 days must be taken before the last two weeks of the session.

Hon. Mr. FARRELL: You must be here for the last two weeks.

Hon. Mr. POWER: There is one point regarding section 32:

For every session of Parliament which extends beyond 50 days there shall be payable to each member of the Senate and House of Commons attending at such session a sessional allowance of four thousand dollars and no more.

I think that neither the honourable leader of the House nor any other honourable member will venture to say that it is likely we shall have any session of less than 50 days. I think this is equivalent to saying that there shall be no session less than 50 days.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. POWER: I think we may trust the energy and perspicacity of the members of both Houses to feel assured that no session hereafter will be less than 50 days.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes, but those 50 days will not be 50 sitting days.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It means 50 calendar days from the opening of Parliament. For instance, from the first of one month to the twentieth of the following month.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I do not think the fifteen days allowance is going to be of much value in the Senate. I asked the question because I want to have this point made clear.