

meeting any formidable difficulty, surely in this progressive age, when the science of navigation has been developed to such an extent as we to-day enjoy it, to say that the straits cannot be navigated commercially is to minimize the progress and the ingenuity of all human efforts and undertaking. I do not profess to be sufficiently familiar with this project to express anything like a dogmatic opinion upon the subject, but I do say that there has been a sufficient current of public opinion expressed and brought to bear upon, not only the late Government, but upon the present Government, to justify them in having entered upon the undertaking which they are to-day prosecuting, and which I hope in the near future will be carried to a successful conclusion. I see no reason why the papers my hon. friend has asked for should not be brought down at an early date.

The motion was agreed to.

THIRD READING.

Bill 48, "An Act to amend an Act to incorporate the Canadian Red Cross Society."—Hon. Mr. Loughheed.

SECOND READINGS.

Bill B-2, "An Act to incorporate The Atlantic Park Association."—Hon. Mr. Choquette.

Bill D-2, "An Act for the relief of Christopher Sinclair."—Hon. Mr. Derbyshire.

UTTERANCES OF THE SPEAKER.

DEBATE POSTPONED.

The Order of the Day being called:

Resuming the adjourned debate on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Pope, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Taylor:

That this House deeply regrets that in more than one public speech, and particularly in a speech at a public meeting held at Ottawa on the twenty-seventh day of June last, His Honour the Speaker of the Senate has made injurious and unjustifiable remarks about members of the Senate, and this House is of opinion that it is highly improper for any senator while holding the high office of Speaker to publicly engage in violent public controversies and make statements calculated to throw discredit upon this House or the members thereof.—Hon. Mr. Sproule.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Stands.

The SPEAKER—I would ask the House to proceed with the motion. I do not want a matter of this kind to be suspended over my head all the time. It is not fair to me, and

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED.

I ask the Senate to dispose of the motion now. The Hon. Mr. Dandurand will please take the chair.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I was going to suggest to let it stand until to-morrow. It would be better to discuss the matter when the committee appointed to interview the Speaker has made its report.

The SPEAKER—Then in that case I withdraw the answer I gave the committee. Here is a motion against me. I ask that the motion be disposed of to-day. It is a question of privilege, and if it is a question of privilege it must go on before any other motion, and I have a right to ask that this way of dealing with the matter should conclude now.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—I ask whether the committee which was appointed has interviewed the Speaker?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—It is a question between the Speaker and myself whether I shall be permitted to give an answer to that. I asked to have the matter stand until the committee makes its report, when the answer to the question will be given fully to the Senate. I quite agree with the Speaker that it should be put out of the way as soon as possible.

The SPEAKER—I cannot do otherwise than accept the suggestion made by the hon. gentleman from Hastings, but I do it under protest.

Hon. Mr. POPE—I do not see the occasion for protest.

The SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman is not obliged to see it.

Hon. Mr. POPE—I have the privilege of living in the same universe, with your permission, Mr. Speaker. I would not think of breathing, except by your permission.

The SPEAKER—I do not want to discuss it. If I desired to discuss it I would take another seat. If this is to be discussed, let it be discussed. If it is to be discussed to-morrow, let it be put off until to-morrow without any discussion.

Hon. Mr. POPE—Just wait a moment. Some other hon. gentlemen have a place in this terrestrial globe besides the hon. Speaker, and also some rights under the sun. I do not presume to have any very great privilege and I do not ask for it, but this question was placed on the Order Paper by myself as I thought in the in-