

year, and that further amendments will be necessary. Some changes were made last year. The one in regard to mixing was made then, and apparently it has given satisfaction, although some dire prophecies were made as to what would happen if the amendment were put into force. I think one of the most beneficial changes which have taken place is the absolute confidence the farmers and grain dealers have in the new Board of Grain Commissioners, and the general feeling that things will go along satisfactorily in future. As a Western man, greatly interested in the marketing of grain, I am quite prepared to accept the Bill on trust, after the thorough examination it has had by the committee of the other House.

Hon. Mr. GILLIS: If, in accordance with the honourable gentleman's argument, we passed without consideration everything sent to us from the other House, we should be practically nothing more nor less than a rubber stamp. If important changes are to be made in this Act in the future, I would urge upon the honourable leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) that the proposed amendments be brought before this Chamber earlier in the session, so that we may be able to give them proper consideration. We are as much interested as the other House in having a good Grain Act.

Hon. Mr. FORKE: I quite agree with that idea.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have a suggestion that perhaps honourable members may turn over in their minds during the recess. In dealing with such technical matters in the future, could we not appoint a committee of the Senate to follow the evidence given by the experts before the committee of the other House? I do not know what powers such a committee of the Senate would have. At all events, that is a suggestion that honourable members may find worth consideration. This Bill was given third reading in another place yesterday or this morning, and it has now reached us. We must decide what we will do with it. I have often felt that important legislation should not be brought to us at the tail end of the session. Of course, this session is an exceptional one, as we have been sitting only three months instead of four or five, as is usual.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

Hon. Mr. FORKE.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not know whether I should move that the House go into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. STANFIELD: Give it third reading.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, and passed.

AMENDMENTS TO BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT

JOINT ADDRESS TO THE KING

The Senate proceeded to consider a message from the House of Commons with a proposed Address to His Most Excellent Majesty the King, praying that he may graciously be pleased to give his consent to submitting a measure to the Parliament of the United Kingdom to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1916, in the manner set forth in the said Address.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That the Senate unite with the House of Commons in the said Address to His Most Excellent Majesty the King and that the words "Senate and" be inserted in the blank space therein, and that the Honourable the Speaker, on behalf of the Senate, do sign the said Address.

He said: Honourable senators, I have here the Address which was passed by the other House, and which we are asked to pass. It is an Address to His Majesty the King, asking his consent to submitting a measure to the Parliament of the United Kingdom for the amendment of the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1916, on the basis of the agreements that the Dominion of Canada has made with British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. It reads:

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:
Most Gracious Sovereign:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty praying that you may graciously be pleased to give your consent to submitting a measure to the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1916, the four agreements in the schedule hereto set out being scheduled to such Act and the said Act being expressed as follows or to the following effect:

An Act to Amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1916.

Whereas the four several agreements in the schedule set out were entered into between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Governments of Manitoba, British Columbia,