

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—The Speaker is also, I understand, a military man. I do not think that this clause would cover a case of that kind.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It seems to me to be unnecessary to anticipate what will not probably or possibly arise. I fancy there is very little probability of any hon. gentleman in this House requiring to invoke such a clause as that which we are now considering. However, as my hon. friend will observe, section 11 only deals with the members of the House of Commons, and if circumstances should create such a condition as that pointed out by my hon. friend I can assure him we should be only too glad to bring down the necessary legislation.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I might suggest to my hon. friend who raised the question as to Dr. Beland that if the law which is proposed does not cover his case it is very easy to meet the case by placing an item in the Estimates, as has been done often before, to cover members who are absent from sickness or other causes. I am quite sure the leader of the Senate will call the attention of his colleagues to that fact. If there is the slightest doubt in the mind of the Minister of Justice on that point such sum will be put in the Estimates.

The clause was adopted.

On clause 3:

3. The said Act is amended by inserting the following section immediately after section 36 thereof:

"36a. In the calculation of any deduction from any member's sessional allowance on account of absence, days which were spent by such member in the naval or military forces of Canada or in any other of the naval or military forces of the Crown while such forces are on active service in consequence of any war, shall not be computed."

Hon. Mr. KERR—I would call the attention of the hon. leader of the House to the fact that clause 36a could not possibly apply to any one in the Belgium service; it applies expressly to the forces of the Crown.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No; the point is that if the indemnity of Dr. Beland should be paid him it can be placed in the Estimates, and if a representation of that character is made to the Government I have no doubt that very favourable consideration would be given to it.

Hon. Mr. KERR—Why should not the Act be made complete? Because the adop-

tion of this Act might be looked upon as excluding such a case.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Because we have no official information as to the services which Dr. Beland is rendering. This Government could not have any official information as to the capacity in which he is acting, but we have official information as to our own men who are acting in the service of the Crown, and my hon. friend will readily see the difficulties which could arise if we made a general provision of that character.

Hon. Mr. KERR—I see.

The clause was adopted.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (H), An Act respecting the Grain Growers' Grain Company, Limited.—Hon. Mr. Pope.

Bill No. 17, An Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Young.

Bill No. 29, An Act respecting the Van Buren Bridge Company.—Hon. Mr. Derbyshire.

THIRD READING.

Bill (B), An Act respecting the Pollution of Navigable Waters.—Hon. Mr. Belcourt.

The Senate adjourned until three o'clock to-morrow.

THE SENATE.

Thursday, March 11, 1915.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

OTTAWA AND NEW YORK RAILWAY COMPANY. BILL.

AMENDMENT CONCURRED IN.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUÉ, from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, reported Bill No. 24, An Act respecting the Ottawa and New York Railway Company, with an amendment.

He said: The object of the Bill is to authorize this railway to lease its line to the New York Central. The Bill as passed by the House of Commons provided for a term of ten years. The committee passed an