

The SPEAKER—There is no motion before the House.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—There is no motion but—

The SPEAKER—Then I call the hon. gentleman to order. Nothing has been placed in my hand to lay before the House. If the hon. gentleman wants to proceed on the question and discuss it, he must put a motion in my hand.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Then I ask His Honour the Speaker to rule that no hon. senator in this House can call attention to a matter of gravity without giving—

The SPEAKER—I am asking the hon. gentleman to take his seat.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I am asking you to give an answer.

The SPEAKER—No, I will not give any answer.

THE KITSILANO INDIAN RESERVE.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with may I correct a mistake which was made the other day in the statement I made to the House in regard to the order moved for by my hon. friend, the Hon. Mr. Bostock. I gave the impression to the House that the report of the Joint Commission on Indian Reserves would be submitted to Parliament. I find that I was mistaken in that statement. I now read from a certified copy of a report of the Committee of the Privy Council, dated November 27, 1912, indicating what the arrangement was between the two Governments, that is the Government of British Columbia and the Dominion Government:

The Minister of Justice therefore advises that the approval of the agreement should be subject to a further provision which should be accepted by the Government of British Columbia before the agreement can be effective:—Provided that notwithstanding anything in the agreement contained, the acts and proceedings of the commission shall be subject to the approval of the two governments, and that the governments agree to consider favorably the reports, whether final or interim, of the commission, with a view to give effect as far as reasonably may be to the acts, proceedings and recommendations of the commission, and to take all such steps and proceedings as may be reasonably necessary with a view of carrying into effect the settlement provided for by the agreement in accordance with its true intent and purpose.

On the occasion referred to I said:

I have no doubt that when that report is prepared it will be brought before Parliament and

the most ample opportunity will be given to all concerned for fully discussing it with a view to arriving at a satisfactory determination of the whole subject.

At that time I was unaware of the arrangement between the two Governments to which I have referred. I therefore desire to correct the mistake.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I appreciate the hon. gentleman's explanation, and would like very much to impress on the Government that I do not think any arrangement between the Dominion and Provincial Governments should be made at the present time, when the Provincial Government is, I may say, a moribund Government. It has only about fifteen days more life. The Legislature of British Columbia will come to an end on the 1st of June, and I ask my hon. friend, even if this report cannot be submitted to Parliament, to represent very strongly to his colleagues that no action should be taken as between the two Governments at the present time, but that the matter should be left over until the people of British Columbia have had an opportunity of deciding whether they have the same confidence in the present Government as they have had in the past. That is only a reasonable request to make, and I hope my hon. friend will take it into consideration.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—All I can say to my hon. friend is that that is peculiarly a matter for the British Columbia Government. They may not view the situation in the same gloomy light my hon. friend does.

Hon. Mr. POWER—If the British Columbia Government look at the position in a more sanguine spirit than that indicated by the hon. leader of the Opposition, that is an additional reason why the Government here should not act until the hope of the British Columbia Government is realized, and they know that they are dealing with people who have the confidence of the people of British Columbia.

THIRD READING.

Bill No. 24, An Act respecting the Toronto, Niagara and Western Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. McHugh.

The Senate adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Four o'clock.

Routine proceedings.