

cannot possibly refrain from requesting that their particular part of the country also be exempt from the measure.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: This is one of those Bills which everybody seems to be in favour of so long as they do not apply to the particular district from which he comes.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: We are all human.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Everyone who participated in discussion before the committee was in favour of regulation, but absolutely against being regulated. I do not know that anybody came before the committee and supported the measure. The manager of a steamship company did venture to write a letter, but he did not submit to cross-examination; he was not present. Another one, we were told, also favoured the Bill. The railways frankly said they were favourable, but refused to take sponsorship. It was the most friendless Bill I have ever seen come before either House of Parliament.

I suggest the Government let the motion stand. Indeed, I will move adjournment of the debate, so we may reconnoitre and see whether we can do very much for the Senate of Canada by submitting this measure to the other Chamber.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Could we not adopt the amendments and so clarify the situation? We could then place the Bill on the Order Paper for third reading to-morrow, on the understanding—

Some Hon. SENATORS: No, no.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: —that the amendment from the Maritimes which was rejected by the committee will be met satisfactorily, and that any other amendment which it may be deemed necessary to submit will also be considered. Some thirty or forty amendments have been made to the Bill, every clause has been thoroughly examined and considered, and I think the Railway Committee did very good work. Apart from the amendment moved by my honourable friend from Westmorland (Hon. Mr. Black), I do not think there was any division in the committee, although we must have devoted at least three weeks to careful consideration of the Bill. I do not see that we should gain anything by discussing every amendment made in committee. We should only be going over something highly technical which the com-

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mittee has dealt with satisfactorily. We might as well clinch the whole question when we come to third reading.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not suggest for a minute that we should go into committee and discuss the merits of the amendments. The Railway Committee's work is good enough for me in that respect. I quite agree with the honourable leader of the Government that the amendments were virtually all unanimous, but, as he will remember, the reason for that virtual unanimity was that the amendments were all excisions. If we had continued along that line we should have been unanimous. It does not seem quite fair to ask for a decision to-night on a motion to adopt a report on this Bill with numerous amendments, inasmuch as the motion is made on the strength of a promise that there shall be another amendment to make the Bill more acceptable to a certain section. How is that amendment going to affect the decision of certain honourable members from other sections? I think they have a right to consider the matter and decide their course. All I suggest is that the debate be adjourned until to-morrow, when I shall have no objection to our dealing with all the amendments at once. Then we can go on to third reading.

Hon. J. P. B. CASGRAIN: I would ask honourable members to consider the fact that salt water navigation is absolutely different from fresh water navigation.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: You have to-day American ships coming up the St. Lawrence with cargoes from the United States, and they are subject to no regulation, no restriction whatever. Those ships can make any rates they like for the cargoes they carry. I think the right honourable chairman of the committee (Right Hon. Mr. Graham) will bear me out in that. I am making this suggestion so that if honourable members have any wakeful moments during the night they can consider that salt water navigation is one thing and fresh water another.

On motion of Right Hon. Mr. Meighen, the debate was adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.