

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Will the House permit me to say to my hon. friend from Portage la Prairie, in view of the explanation he has made, that if I have made any remarks which would have been construed as discourteous to him I gladly withdraw them. Permit me to say in reference to the apparent dilemma in which we find ourselves placed with regard to this Bill, that this is a Bill sent down from the House of Commons with a message in which it was intimated that they did not agree with our amendment but would be prepared to accept another particular and stated amendment, and the amendment was moved accordingly by myself. My hon. friend from Toronto has practically taken that amendment out of my hands. My hon. friend having amended the Bill to the extent that he has done and in a manner which I believe the Government cannot accept, it is his duty to take charge of the Bill during the remainder of its stages in this House. My hon. friend can make the motion that a message be sent down to the House of Commons informing the House as to what this Chamber has done. If he chooses to do that he of course is at liberty to do so.

Hon. Mr. KERR—With the permission of the House I will take into consideration the suggestion which has been made by the leader of the Government.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I am not making the suggestion ironically.

Hon. Mr. KERR—I would not like to rush in and assert a right so newly won. I will take time to consider it.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I call the attention of the hon. gentleman from Toronto (Hon. Mr. Kerr) to the fact that, in the case of the Good Roads Bill a couple of years ago, the leader of the Government assumed the same attitude he has taken in respect to this matter, and a member who had voted in the majority made the necessary motion that the message be sent to the Commons. I take very little interest in this measure, but the hon. gentleman from Toronto takes a good deal, I understand. If he makes no motion, and no hon. gentleman gives notice that a motion will be made at the next sitting of the House, the Bill is practically dead.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—I move that a message be sent to the House of Commons returning the Bill with an amendment substituted for the amendment to which the House agrees.

The SPEAKER.

The motion was agreed to on division.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

THE SENATE.

THURSDAY, June 11, 1914.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at eleven o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE TARIFF.

DEBATE RESUMED.

The Order of Day being called.

Resuming the adjourned debate on the resolution of the Honourable Mr. Power:

That this House regrets that the Government, having decided to alter the tariff, have made no effort to lessen the cost of living by removing or substantially reducing the duties upon the necessities of life.—Hon. Mr. McKay (Cape Breton.)

Hon. Mr. POWER—It is a question as to whether this matter should stand any further. It was the right of the hon. member who made the motion to, at any rate, supervise its conduct through the House. On motion of the hon. gentleman from Cape Breton (Hon. Mr. McKay) the debate was adjourned until this morning.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The hon. gentleman from Cape Breton, (Hon. Mr. McKay) spoke to me this morning as to whether this motion would be proceeded with, and it may be my fault, because I informed him that I did not think the House would go on with it to-day.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I am surprised that the hon. gentleman from Cape Breton should have been in any doubt about the matter, because I spoke to him yesterday and said I supposed he was prepared to make his speech, and the hon. gentleman intimated to me that he thought it was all over, and did not feel that he was just ready. He said 'I suppose you do not propose to go on' and I said, 'yes, I propose to go on.' And how the hon. gentleman could after that have asked the hon. leader of the House whether we were going on with it or not, I cannot understand.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—He rather thought the debate was pretty well exhausted, and that all interest had ceased.

Hon. Mr. POWER—No, the subject is an interesting one, and interests the whole country.