

and the Industry should be represented. With the leave of the House I move the third reading of this Bill.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: I think there are a number of members who wanted to say something on that Bill. Do I understand the honourable Minister to say that he intends to refer it to a special committee?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Oh, no; the Bill is a very simple one. It gives power to appoint one representative of the Department, and two representatives of the fish industry, one from the East and one from the West. That is all it is. It is in order to bring some practical knowledge to the men of science who are on that Board, and who agree to co-operate with those three new members; that is all. The Government is taking power to appoint five members instead of two who are on the Board at present.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: Do I understand that the Board as at present constituted is satisfied with the Bill as we have it before us?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That is the official information I received from the Deputy Minister.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: That is not the information that several of us have received, but the contrary.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But surely it would be a very extraordinary stand on the part of the Board that they would refuse an addition of three members, two being men who have practical knowledge of the fish industry, one in the West and one in the East, and a representative of the Department, because the Board is composed of quite a number of men. It is a formidable list, and I cannot see that they could not dominate that Board three times over.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Try it as it is.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: I understand the Board consists of a certain number appointed by the Government, and also a very much larger number appointed by the various universities.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: Well, the honourable gentleman said the Board consisted of only four.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No. The Government now has the right to appoint only

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two, but it has taken the right to appoint five, which will be a small number compared with the total make-up of the Board.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: If this Bill is so simple and easy as the Minister indicates, it would take only a minute or two to deal with it to-morrow, and I hesitate to see this Bill come on for third reading in the absence of so many members who expressed themselves on it, and who ought to have the opportunity of saying more.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I have the consent of the principal opponents.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I have no objection, in view of that.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But I will put the Bill down for third reading to-morrow; I would rather that they would be here.

The debate was adjourned.

NATIONAL RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 234, an Act respecting construction of Canadian National Railway lines.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

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

THE SENATE

Thursday, June 28, 1923.

FIRST SITTING

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PAYMENTS TO JUDGES

DISCUSSION AND INQUIRY

Hon. GEORGE GORDON rose in accordance with the following notice:

That he will call the attention of the Senate to the payments made since November 1, 1922, by the Province of Ontario to Mr. Justice Riddell and Mr. Justice Latchford, and inquire if the Government will submit to this House the opinion of the Department of Justice as to the right of the above named judges to receive such sums.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, I think it is incumbent upon me to give the House a little information regarding the subject of this inquiry. It appears that on the 9th of March 1920 two judges were appointed as commissioners by the Government of Ontario to make a certain investigation. For the information of this House I will read the first part of their report which is as follows: