

made in that case because of the greater difficulty likely to arise in this regard in the ensuing session.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). In regard to the next session, the circumstances are so exceptional that we can hardly hope to have the ordinary blue-books ready for the early part of the session. But, as to our practice generally, I think that the most that can be said is that, where there is a probability of delay in the presentation of the Auditor General's Report, it would be better to have it brought down in instalments. It is much more convenient, however, where that can be done, to have it presented in one, or possibly two volumes. But if in ordinary sessions there is likely to be delay in presenting the completed volume, and if the business of parliament is likely to be retarded on that account, I think it would be better to present the report in instalments.

Mr. T. S. SPROULE (East Grey). On a former occasion we had the report presented in instalments, each branch separately, and then the completed volumes issued after that.

Mr. FIELDING. I think that an examination of the records will show that there has been little delay in any case—the Auditor General's Report has been brought down within a few days of the time specified by law. Of course, the Act provides its immediate presentation on the opening of parliament, but any delay in recent years have been very short. If, in future, there is danger of delay which will impede the business of the House, I agree that the report should be brought down in instalments, because it is the basis of much of the business of the House. We expect to have other business to engage the House in the early stage of next session.

MANITOBA GRAIN ACT, 1900—AMENDMENT.

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture) moved the third reading of Bill (No. 206) to amend the Manitoba Grain Act, 1900.

Mr. HENDERSON. I did ask the Minister of Agriculture to allow the Bill to stand

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until Tuesday. But unfortunately, it appears in the Votes and Proceedings, that whilst there were two Bills before the House at the time, one of them to amend the Manitoba Grain Act and the other the Inspection Act, the Inspection Act I requested to stand, is the Bill reported as having passed its third reading, the other one having been held over. So I have nothing further to say in the matter.

Mr. FISHER. I am very sorry for my hon. friend, the mistake was quite unintentional. If my hon. friend has anything to say with regard to the other Bill, perhaps he can get some one to say it for him in the Senate.

Mr. HENDERSON. I communicated with a prominent miller in my county who was formerly upon the standard board, thinking I would get some information from him with reference to the change that was made in the amendment. I have not received any letter from him, therefore I will not say any more about it.

Mr. FISHER. I may say that the millers of Ontario were fully represented by a delegation when this question came up, and those who were present expressed their concurrence in the amendment on behalf of Ontario.

Mr. SPROULE. When this Bill was under consideration I wished to get a little information from the committee, but was not successful. Some of the inspectors told us that when wheat is shipped forward and deposited in elevators at Port Arthur, there is an account taken of all the wheat that is weighed and put in, and the same wheat is weighed out again. I take it that whoever controls it there, I presume the elevator company, have an account of the wheat as weighed in and weighed out and there was said to be quite a quantity of wheat over that which had been put in. I endeavoured to ascertain how much wheat was over during the last season and the season before, and as to what disposal was made of it. My information was that some years ago there was quite a large quantity over, and that it was sold by some person, I presume the elevator