

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I have no desire to prevent discussion upon the Supply Bill, but I do not recall that it has been the practice in this House to discuss it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I know when the hon. member from Hastings (Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell) was on this side of the House he generally took advantage of the Supply Bill to speak until the cannon began to boom, and give us his views on the general expenditure of the country. The expenditure is creeping up to such an extent that it would be well if the older men in parliamentary life would express their views as to what is likely to be the outcome of it, at a time when we should be taking in sail. I have no idea how the income of next year is expected to compare with the expenditure. Could my hon. friend tell me that offhand?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, the expenditure will very considerably exceed the income owing to the large expenditure on capital account, and owing also as my hon. friend will readily understand, to the legacies left by the late Government.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I would not like to hurt my hon. friends feelings as a representative of the Government, but I should like to contrast the professions of economy that the hon. gentleman's friends made in another place, and in this Chamber before they came into power, with the course they have followed since attaining office. We do not object on either side to an expanding Budget in expanding times, but it seems to me that we are going at a wild pace under present conditions. The seven years of plenty are sometimes followed by seven lean years.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—We have not overlooked that.

Hon. Mr. POWER—Suppose we give the Bill the second now, and let the third reading stand until to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC—Why not discuss it now?

Hon. Mr. POWER—What the hon. gentleman from De Lormier said is quite true: When the hon. gentlemen opposite occupied seats on this side of the House they generally discussed the Supply Bill until the Governor General came. It is an important subject, and there is no reason why we should not devote an hour to discussing it.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I take exception to the declaration made by the leader of the Government.

The SPEAKER—I suppose the hon. gentleman is speaking with the consent of the House.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Why do you interfere with me?

The SPEAKER—I am simply reminding the hon. gentleman that he is not in order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The hon. leader of the Government said that this expenditure is owing to the legacies left by the Liberals to the Conservative party. I join issue with him.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC—Order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Who says order?

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC—I say order.

The SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman is out of order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Of course I am out of order, but I am in the right.

The SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman should observe order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—You do not have to rule.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I move that this Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—On that motion I have this to say—and I am in order now—

Hon. Mr. POWER—This is a formal motion, and the hon. gentleman is not in order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—It is bad enough to have the opposition disappear, as they did this morning, without having the Speaker interfere with my rights as an exponent of public opinion. The leader of the Government here has made a declaration to which the vast majority of the people of Canada will take objection.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR—I rise to a point of order. If the hon. gentleman wants to discuss this matter, he must keep to the discussion of the motion.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I am giving the House a reason why the third reading should not be fixed for to-morrow. If I had the hon. gentleman's intelligence—

Hon. Mr. POWER—The motion which has been made by the hon. leader of the Government is a formal motion for the third reading of the Bill to-morrow. It is