

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Then the Railway Committee will decide if it ought to go on with the Bill clause by clause?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I should take for granted that the Senate first will decide whether the Bill shall go to the committee or not. On the motion for reference the Senate will have to decide that.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It seems that we might well discuss the advisability of sending the Bill to that committee. It is a public Bill and should be dealt with in Committee of the Whole. Of course, the Senate may decide otherwise, but, since we had such a thorough inquiry last session, I wonder if there is not now in this Chamber enough light on the question to inform the new members generally, without calling in experts and barristers from all over Canada to repeat what they gave us last year.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It will be for the House to decide when the question of the reference comes up.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: That cannot be decided before the second reading is moved.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Does my honourable friend (Hon. Sir James Lougheed) state that this Bill is already printed? I inquired for the Bill this morning and could not get a copy of it.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I put a galley copy on the Table yesterday, but the printing of the bill is not complete and the Bill is not ready for distribution.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I think it might be well to have it printed so that members might study it during the recess.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: May I ask if instructions have been given to the printers to mark the clauses which are new, to distinguish them?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I really cannot say as to that.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: It would be very desirable.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The Bill has been in the charge of the Law Clerk of the committee, and whether he has done that or not I do not know. It would be very convenient to have it done.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: I think that instructions, should be given by the minister to have it done, because it would be a great advantage to be able to distinguish the old from the new parts of the Railway Act.

Hon. Mr. EDWARDS: There are no old and new parts now. It is practically a new Bill.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. EDWARDS: I am surprised. As I understand, even during the same Parliament, if a Bill fails to pass at one session and is introduced again next session, it is taken up as an entirely new Bill.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes, but what my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Watson) referred to was the desirability of distinguishing the proposed amendments.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: Yes, from the present law.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: From the law as it stands to-day.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: What I meant to suggest was that the law as it stands should be distinguished from any proposed new legislation.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting having been resumed:

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 1.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 18, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1919.

The Bill was read the first time.

Rule 63 having been suspended:

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the second reading of the Bill. He said: I may say, honourable gentlemen, that the total estimated expenditure for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1919, is \$252,793,009.97, of which \$95,100,144.12 is statutory. The amount, therefore, to be voted, is as follows: On consolidated fund account, \$129,231,965.85; on capital account, \$28,460,900. The total amount of estimated expenditure on consolidated fund and capital account will therefore be \$157,692,865.85. The Bill now before