

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: This is what comes of departing from the true British principle of representative Government.

Hon. Mr. POWER: If there is a general election and the present Government is defeated, the Overseas Minister of Militia will go out with his colleagues.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Of course he will.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I notice that this clause says:

The several persons holding the said offices shall each be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada the several salaries prescribed by section 1 of this Act for the several periods during which they have, respectively, held the said offices, and the salaries for the said offices shall be paid from the following dates.

And so on. This clause is retroactive. In one case it will go back to the 31st of October, 1916. I think it was stated by Mr. McCurdy in the other House that he had no intention of accepting any salary—that when he was appointed he was quite ready to take the position and do the work, but that he did not desire any salary. I do not see any reason why the matter should be put in this way in the Bill. If Mr. McCurdy is not going to take the salary, why should the provisions be made retroactive to the time he was appointed?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I do not know whether he is going to take it or not. The Bill simply makes provision for the salary from the time the office was created. If any of the incumbents refuse the salary, the country is so much ahead, that is all.

The section was agreed to.

The Bill was reported.

COMPANIES ACT AMENDMENT (NON-GAINFUL CORPORATIONS) BILL.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, the Senate went into Committee on Bill U2, an Act to amend the Companies Act so as to provide for the incorporation by Letters Patent of Corporations for purposes other than that of gain. Hon. Mr. Thompson in the Chair.

On section 4—New Form C, notice of incorporation:

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Form C stood yesterday, I think because my honourable friend from Halifax (Hon. Mr.

Power) seemed to have the impression that Form C should be made applicable solely to companies without gain, such as patriotic associations, charitable associations, and so on. It will be observed that Form C is applicable both to the class of companies that we have made provision for and to the old class of companies, and there is no reason why it should not be adapted to either.

The section was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. POWER: There was another amendment which I suggested, which I think the honourable gentleman was prepared to consider. It would go in after subclause 5 of section 2. It provides for the examination of the books of the company:

The Secretary of State may, on the application of not less than one-fifth in number of the persons on the corporation's register of members, or of his own motion, appoint one or more competent inspectors to inquire into the affairs of the corporation, and to report thereon in such manner as he may direct.

It will be remembered that the honourable gentleman from Grey (Hon. Mr. Sproule) called attention to the fact that irregularities did sometimes occur.

The proposed amendment was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. POWER: I should like to point out to the honourable the leader of the House that, if this schedule is adopted in the form in which we have it, it may lead to some question as to the schedule of the original Act. Section 4 of the Bill says that "Form C in the schedule to the said Act is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor."

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: Form C contemplates some corporation with capital stock, whereas there is no provision in the Bill for such corporation.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: My honourable friend will see that by section 3:

Notice of the granting of the letters patent shall be forthwith given by the Secretary of State of Canada by one insertion in the Canada Gazette.

The Secretary of State gives this notice to the public.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: Should not Form C be changed to make it correspond with the name of the Bill, or should not the name of the Bill be changed?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The Secretary of State simply gives this notice to