

judges of the County Court of Westminster County.

The provision for an additional County Court judge in Ontario was made by the legislature of that province in July of last year by an amendment to The County Judges Act. Following passage of this amendment, the Attorney General of Ontario requested that the Judges Act be amended to provide a salary for this position. It is intended that the additional judge will be appointed for the county and district courts of the counties and districts of Ontario, and not for a particular county. Judges so appointed have authority to hear cases throughout the entire Province of Ontario and are assigned by the Chief Judge of the County Courts to the area where their services are most urgently required. The new judge will be Judge at Large, otherwise known as a roving judge.

Honourable senators, if it is considered desirable that this bill should be referred to committee, I shall move that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. David Walker: Honourable senators, it is an interesting situation that in this great country we should have one of our colleagues from Newfoundland move that new County Court judges should be created in British Columbia and Ontario. This shows how

broadminded are the members of this chamber.

Hon. Mr. Connolly: Hands across the continent.

Hon. Mr. Walker: Despite the view held by some members on the other side, I think it is fair to say that we have in this country a magnificent judiciary, and this applies to all the provinces. At the present time, because of the tremendous explosion in the population of Ontario, we are greatly in need of an additional County Court judge, perhaps two or three. I understand the same situation exists in British Columbia, and I know that everyone on this side of the house is very much in favour of this bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

THIRD READING

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Cook: If it is not considered desirable to send this bill to committee, I move, with leave, that the bill be read the third time now.

Motion agreed to and bill read third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.
