

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Yes, that is not what the road would cost to-day, for instance.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No, I instanced that by assuming for a moment that materials and labour are the same price to-day as then, what would it cost to-day to do the same work?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Of course I am not on the ground where I would claim an even standing with my hon. friend. This is English, and English expressions, but I took for granted that the words, "said value to be the actual cost of said railways" meant what would be interpreted as represented by the actual expenditure made by the company.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—May I interrupt my hon. friend again. Would not the Bill then have said, "the said value to be the cost"—what it cost?

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—But it is not what it cost, but the actual cost.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Then I suppose my hon. friend takes the word "cost" as a synonym for value?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—The actual value of said railway?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No, I do not think the actual value; what it actually cost, or what it should cost, and what it can be done for under similar conditions.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—It struck me that if we added to the word "actual" the words "reasonable and necessary" then we give the judge the mandate of finding if that actual expenditure was reasonable and necessary.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—You give him three standards to interpret instead of one.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—But he must examine the expenditure according to those three standards—actual, reasonable and necessary.

Hon. Mr. DAVID—I think the word "necessary" would be useful, but not necessary.

The amendment was lost, and the clause was adopted.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC, from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

## THE SENATE.

Thursday, May 18, 1916.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### EXTENSION OF THE LIFE OF PARLIAMENT.

#### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN inquired:

1. Is the Government of Canada in a position to inform the Parliament of Canada what has become of the Extension Bill, praying for an amendment to the British North America Act to provide for a supplementary term of Constitutional existence, of one year, dating from the first of October, 1916, to the first of October, 1917, in favour, and on behalf of the present Government and Parliament?

2. Has the Government of Canada transmitted the said Bill to the proper British authorities for sanction by the British Parliament?

3. When, and on what date did the Government of Canada transmit to the British authorities the said Bill of Extension unanimously adopted by both Houses of the Canadian Parliament?

4. Why has not the sanction of the British Parliament been given to the said Bill of Extension requesting the amendment to the British North America Act so as to give the present Government and Parliament a further existence of one year?

He said: Parliament is about to expire in a few hours. Though it would be a cruel thing to have a death bed confession in this matter, if the hon. gentleman has the answer I shall accept it.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—All I can say to my hon. friend is that the Government did duly transmit the Bill to the proper British authorities for consideration by the British Parliament, and that it is now before the Imperial Parliament. What the Imperial Parliament will do with it is for them to say. This Government and this Parliament cannot do anything more than they have already done.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The only point I want to have answered directly is on what date was it transmitted. The hon. gentleman says it was duly transmitted. I want to know the date.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I can not tell my hon. friend. I am unaware of that.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—But are not these documents transmitted by the Clerk of the Senate, or is it by the Secretary of State?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I understand the Government gave the necessary in-