

enough. I think the Bill should be wide enough in its scope to enable a provincial government, if it should be thought desirable to hold a sweep, to devote the proceeds to any charitable purpose it may see fit.

Hon. Mr. BARNARD: In reply to the honourable gentleman who has just taken his seat, I would point out that if the funds were to be made available for any charity that might choose to apply for them, the position of the Government, or the official administering the fund, would be intolerable. As we all know, there are hundreds of charities of different kinds, some of importance and some of much less importance. Most of us who are, or claim to be, decent citizens have our own pet charities. The result would be that all kinds of influence would be brought to bear on the Attorney-General or the administrator of the fund to induce him to make grants for charities which in many cases really did not need them.

Furthermore, it must be remembered that this fund is to be administered under regulations drafted by the Attorney-General, assisted, I presume, by his colleagues in the Government, and I think that in designating two specific objects we are going quite far enough. If a large amount of money should be realized, as has been suggested, and if the hospitals and universities were already provided for, government funds would be available for other purposes. So we are really arguing in a circle. I am quite prepared to accept the amendment of the honourable gentleman from Montarville (Hon. Mr. Beaubien), but I think it would be a mistake to attempt to broaden the scope of the Bill any further.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: In the province of Saskatchewan, for example, we have but the one university, and it is maintained entirely by the province. I have no doubt that condition will continue. On the other hand consider our hospitals. We have a small number of private hospitals which are managed by corporations and which, I think I am right in saying, belong for the most part to the sisters of the Roman Catholic Church. In addition, we have in cities like Regina, Moosejaw and Battleford, municipal hospitals, such as, I understand, are established in the province of New Brunswick, and all these hospitals are regularly maintained by taxes, not only from our cities, but from our towns, villages and rural municipalities as well. The total amount received by all such hospitals from private contributions is very small indeed.

Now, assume that this Bill is passed and that the province of Saskatchewan deter-

mines to establish a lottery. If that lottery produced a great deal of money, what would be done with it? The present system of maintaining the hospitals by means of taxation appeals to me as a good one, and I feel it should not be disturbed. We must remember that conditions in various provinces differ. If we are going to pass legislation permitting the governments of the provinces to raise money by sweepstakes, we should leave it to those governments to decide what they will do with the money.

Hon. Mr. HUGHES: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: And I say we should not write into the Bill the specific purposes to which the money should be applied. Suppose some millions of dollars were raised annually by sweepstakes in my own province of Saskatchewan, I should not object at all if the Government used part of that money to reduce provincial debt. Most of our provinces are at the present time seriously handicapped by lack of revenue, and if part of the proceeds of sweepstakes were applied to general debt reduction we should only be following the practice of other countries about which the honourable gentleman from Ponteix (Hon. Mr. Marcotte) told us the other day. As conditions in the various provinces differ greatly, it seems wise to leave entirely to the respective governments the question of what to do with any money raised by sweepstakes.

Hon. Mr. MACDONELL: Honourable senators, apparently the view now held is that any moneys raised by sweepstakes should not be earmarked for hospitals, but might be used for education or any other purposes that the provincial governments deemed necessary. Therefore I think it might be well to change the title of the Bill by eliminating the word "Hospital" and substituting perhaps the word "Provincial," or any term that might be thought more suitable.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: I am afraid it is a bad Bill. It is going to cause trouble.

Hon. Mr. HUGHES: I think we have not had time to frame an amendment that would meet the suggestion of the honourable member from Saltcoats (Hon. Mr. Calder). As I am in favour of that suggestion, I think we ought to take time to prepare an amendment. This is too important to be rushed through.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: I move that the Committee rise and report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I have no particular objection to that, Mr. Chairman,