Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Without having had very much time to deliberate over the question, I would think that the treaty is inoperative until that addition has been withdrawn, or until Canada has consented to the addition.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: But Canada does not propose to assent to the addition, as I understand?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Canada could not well assent, because it would need the confirmation of this addition by the Parliaments of Australia and of South Africa and of New Zealand.

Hon. Sir EDWARD KEMP: What need would there be for that? As I understand it, the treaty that was made was signed by a Canadian Minister. The Government did not want the British Ambassador to have anything to do with it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It was signed by a Canadian Minister, but it was signed by a Minister Plenipotentiary, with credentials from His Majesty the King.

Hon. Sir EDWARD KEMP: Certainly, and if the King authorizes a Canadian Minister to sign such a treaty it must necessarily apply to all British subjects in the world.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No. His Majesty the King authorized his delegate to sign a special treaty, and that treaty covered a matter which exclusively interested Canada and the United States, so there would be no reason for calling the other Dominions to join in this instrument.

Hon. Sir EDWARD KEMP: But supposing that the treaty had been completed, and, as my honourable friend says, only Canada and the United States appeared for the time to be interested, yet if British subjects from islands in the Pacific Ocean, or from Hong Kong, or Singapore, or Australia went up there, that would not be very satisfactory to Canada or the United States. It seems to me the Senate of the United States was perfectly justified in inserting a section there, and it would have been an easier way of getting out of the difficulty if the Canadian Government had accepted the Senate's view, and gone on with the treaty.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But my honcurable friend will realize that this was hurried legislation, in the dying hours of a session. We have had similar examples of resolutions that did not do much honour to the parties who contributed to bringing them into being in the last hour of the session. I would ask

my honourable friend if the United States would like to have that addition reviewed by the Parliament of Great Britain. Great Britain does not mean the British Empire.

Hon. Sir EDWARD KEMP: It is the Empire in description.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But this would not comprise the other Dominions beyond the Seas, and I think—and I have reason to know—that Senators of eminence in the United States intend to do their utmost to have this reservation withdrawn, because of its form and matter.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That a Message be sent to the House of Commons by one of the Clerks at the Table to acquaint that House that the Senate have agreed to the said Resolution, by filling in the blank space therein with the words, "Senate and".

The motion was agreed to.

HALIBUT FISHERY BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill 247, an Act for the protection of the Northern Pacific Halibut Fishery.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, I have just explained the purpose of the Bill,

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE

On motion of Mr. Dandurand, the Senate went into Committee on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. Blain in the Chair.

Sections 1 to 13 inclusive were agreed to.

The preamble and the title were agreed to.

The Bill was reported without amendment.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

DAIRY INDUSTRY BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill 241, an Act to amend the Dairy Industry Act, 1914.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, we can reserve a discussion of the Bill in detail until we go into Committee.

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