

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I presume it is done in a rough and ready way—but always on the right side. I do not want to be understood as intimating that my defence of the increased rates is on the ground that great wealth is being accumulated by our newspapers. I know positively that such is not the case. But I think this reflection is apropos. I have often felt that in the newspaper field, as distinguished from others, the profit-making power is too often in inverse proportion to the public service rendered. It is a field where apparently the wicked can flourish like the green bay tree, and where those that stand loyally by the vital and fundamental interests of the State do not get anything like an adequate reward. I am not speaking from any partisan standpoint. If the newspapers of this country were all of the character of that with which my right honourable friend opposite is connected, I should not be humming and hawing about any four-cent-a-pound additional rate. I can think of no newspaper basically more virtuous, unless possibly it be that controlled and edited by the honourable senator to my left who has just spoken.

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

The Hon. the SPEAKER: When shall this Bill be read the third time?

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: To-morrow.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Honourable senators, with the leave of the House, because of the fact that the vacancy caused by the lamented death of Senator Bureau has not yet been filled, and because of the further fact that a quorum is necessary, I move:

That Honourable Senator Parent be appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, to fill the vacancy existing on the said committee.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, May 16, 1933.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Hon. Mr. SCHAFFNER presented the eleventh report of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders and moved concurrence therein.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Honourable senators, the adoption of the report involves the suspension, for the time being, of the rules, especially the rule as to public notice. I have not had opportunity to go into the Bill particularly, but so far as I have been able to learn, it contains no extraordinary clauses. Under these circumstances I do not intend to offer objection to the suspension of the rules; but I hope the House will not regard this as a precedent. I am confident that the Committee would not have recommended the dispensing with the usual notice unless it had felt that no public interest would suffer as a result.

The motion was agreed to.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST READING

Bill F1, an Act to incorporate the Discount and Loan Corporation of Canada.—Hon. Mr. Marcotte.

SECOND READING POSTPONED

Hon. Mr. MARCOTTE: I would move, with the leave of the Senate, that this Bill be now read a second time.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: What is the purpose of the Bill?

Hon. Mr. MARCOTTE: It is a Bill to incorporate a group of people as a loan and discount company. I am asking that the Senate permit the Bill to be read a second time now so that it may be proceeded with if Parliament is not prorogued this week. I do not think any public interest will be injuriously affected, because the Bill, if it is proceeded with, will have to go to a committee of the Senate and to the House of Commons before it is finally passed. The applicants are just taking the chance that there may be sufficient time to deal with the Bill.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I am informed that the applicants have not paid the necessary fee. If that is so, we certainly cannot give it the second reading.

Hon. Mr. PARENT: I understand that the fees are being paid presently.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Will be paid presently?