

third class clerk is entitled to. These are discrepancies, if I may so term them, in the Civil Service administration, which I think might very well be remedied. I cannot see that there is any benefit, or any beneficial reformation whatever in the bill which is now before us. This is a bill which comes to this House at a time when we have no opportunity of considering its terms properly, or going into its merits; and it is one which, to my mind, it is our duty to oppose at this stage of the session. It would be the duty of every member who stands up for the dignity of the Senate to oppose such a bill.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The bill is just to accomplish what it proposes. The present Civil Service Act, which I hold in my hand, is amended by inserting after the words "clerks of the post office" the words "sorters and stampers." It is to bring the sorters and stampers under this clause.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—But a sorter is a higher official than a stamper, because he has to look at the letter, and see where it is going.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—But the letter carrier must do the same thing.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was read the second and third time and passed.

### THE PROROGATION.

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—I may inform the House that the business before us is now completed and arrangements have been made that prorogation should take place to-night at eight o'clock.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I think the hon. gentleman should have thanked the House for the assiduity with which we have attended to the public business. We will promise him, if we are all here next session, to give just as much attention to the business brought before us. If the hon. gentleman thinks we have not paid sufficient attention during the present session, we will promise him to pay little more attention next session. Possibly there may have been some hard expressions; I never use any myself, but the hon. gentleman who sits opposite me (Sir O. Mowat) often loses his temper, and says that which, upon reflection and in sober moments, he regrets

exceedingly, and I would suggest to him the propriety—being about his own age, perhaps a little older, or little whiter—and the necessity of trying to cultivate a feeling of good-will between himself and those who differ from him, and if he will only cultivate those lamb-like propensities which characterize the hon. gentleman, particularly when discussing with one like myself, who has no temper at all, never exhibits any, always mild on every occasion, and fearful of expressing any opinion—if he adopts that lamb-like manner we will get along well next session. This is the end of the session. Perhaps some of us have said harsh things in speaking of each other, but as we are about to part we will try and forget them, and study to be a little more amiable in our dispositions in the future, providing the hon. gentleman does not rile us, and if he does, on occasions of that kind he must expect to get a Roland for an Oliver, and if the Olive is not too green, we will try to digest it in the best possible manner.

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—I am glad to know that my hon. friend regrets any hard words that he used during the session, and means not to do the same sort of thing in future sessions. I have done my best to have the proceedings of this House conducted with amity and good feeling, and I think to a large extent I have succeeded in that. I do not think any assembly such as this is has ever manifested less bad feeling than the Senate has done during this session. Occasionally some things passed which were not of the most pleasant character, but you cannot expect to be entirely free from that sort of thing in such an assembly, and those occasions were very few. I do not think any of us will leave here with any enmity towards one another. I think we shall all leave here friends, with our friendship strengthened, and if we had any uncomfortable feeling, I think the tendency has been for it to pass away. Next session we hope to have a bill of fare that even hon. gentlemen opposite will be obliged to accept without saying one word against it.

Hon. Mr. CLEMONS—May I ask what has become of that committee that was appointed to investigate matters connected with the Intercolonial Railway and Drummond County Railway Bill? I received a