

to be found. I find that the upper house in all countries, whether elected or nominated, is composed of men who are separated on the same party lines as in the lower house, so that although the ideal is that there shall be no party lines in this Chamber it is an ideal that will never be attained, whether the House is to be elected or appointed. I simply wanted to tell the hon. gentleman that I did not seek him to ask him to run an election. I found he was mentioning my name, and it was because he took my name in vain in my absence, and said he was ready to meet me in my district that I spoke, but he had better remain in his own district—

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—I have no objection to the hon. gentleman speaking, but I want the right to answer. I would hear him with pleasure—

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I suggest that the hon. gentlemen go out into the lobby and settle the matter there.

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

##### SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of Bill (No. 228) An Act to assist in maintaining an independent and efficient service of telegraphic news from Great Britain for publication in the Canadian press.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (British Columbia)—Can the hon. gentleman state how the money can be divided? This is a complicated Bill.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—It is an old matter. A contract has been entered into with certain parties for the sum of \$15,000, and that amount has been paid for some years for a certain cable telegraph service rendered to Canada. This Bill provides for a payment towards that service for a certain number of years, on a sliding scale, and in 1915 it is to terminate.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (British Columbia)—To whom is it payable? The cable company or the newspapers?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—To the Associated Press, and the service is open to all Canadian newspapers on the same terms.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill passed through its final stages.

#### DRY-DOCKS SUBSIDY BILL.

##### FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (No. 229) An Act to encourage the construction of dry-docks.

The Bill was read a first and second time.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I move that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—As the English version of the Bill has not been distributed perhaps the hon. gentleman will explain it fully?

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—Certainly. The object of the measure is to aid and enlarge the subsidies now provided by statutes for the construction of docks. In certain cases, where docks are of the larger size the length of time will be extended to thirty-five years. The rate of interest has also been changed to 3½ per cent and to three in certain cases. Where the docks are of the smaller size, then the time limit is not so long; but it is reduced to 20 or 25 years. It does not materially alter the existing law, except in extending the amount, and extending the length of time. Dry-docks of the larger size will be allowed to go up to the figure of four million. Dry-docks of the second size will go to two and a half million, and dry-docks of the third class not more than one and a half million. There is a distinction made between permanent docks and floating docks. The floating docks do not receive as much as the permanent docks. It is expected that they will be made, in the case of the larger ones, large enough to receive any vessels in the English navy now existing, and probably any vessels likely to be constructed for a long time to come.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Do I understand from my right hon. friend that