

that my name was to be coupled with the motion, but as it has been, I take the full responsibility of having seconded the motion. However, I think it would be wise and prudent that it should be withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—I did not wish to interfere in any way with the business of parliament. I only asked that we should have an evening's session in place of one in the afternoon. The request is not unreasonable, because we have done it before. As regards the seconding of the motion by the hon. gentleman, I disclaim doing anything that would be dishonourable.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, no, no.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—I spoke to the hon. gentleman to-day, and he favoured it. I thought I was not doing anything wrong when I mentioned his name as seconder. If he insists I will withdraw the motion.

Hon. Mr. BAKER—I must have expressed myself most clumsily if I conveyed the impression that I blame my hon. friend. He spoke to me and I sympathized with the project. I went further and expressed a determination to go down to Rockland myself. I thought it desirable that every senator should have an opportunity of participating in the trip, and I am exceedingly sorry my hon. friend should have been under the impression for a moment that I intended to criticise what he had done.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—Of course the withdrawal of the motion will not preclude any hon. gentleman who feels that he can absent himself from the House doing so, and it is to be hoped the Senate will be well represented on this occasion.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—In justice to the hon. gentleman who made the motion, I wish to say that he does not propose a jaunt or a pleasure trip. The meeting is of a purely scientific character and of the utmost importance to farmers, to professional men and to the whole public. The question of diseases of animals and their communicability to men will be the principal feature. The only thing that might be considered as a pleasure would be viewing the stock which the hon. gentleman has there, and that is as much a utility and a

lesson as anything else. Hon. Senator Edwards is President of the Tuberculosis Society of Canada. That important question, which is a vexed question in the scientific world to-day, will be discussed by prominent men and therefore the meeting would be of great utility, first to the farmer, second to the professional man—I do not know but the lawyers might come into it in some way. I thought the Senate had agreed to it, and the leader of the House particularly, because of his desire to give members of the House an opportunity of attending this interesting meeting.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—When I addressed the few observations which I did, I was not aware of the object of this meeting, but as has been properly observed, any hon. senator may attend who wishes to do so, and still take part in the business of the Senate. We are almost certain to sit to-morrow evening, and while attending to this very important, and I have no doubt very pleasant function, they will also feel that they have not robbed the country of their services by attending the evening session to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—My object in proposing the adjournment was to avoid the possibility of important legislation being proceeded with to-morrow afternoon when senators were away.

The motion was withdrawn.

MINING COMPANIES INCORPORATION BILL.

THIRD READING.

The Order of the Day being called for the third reading of Bill (Y) An Act respecting the incorporation of Mining Companies.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE said: I beg to call attention to clause 7 of this Bill, which was inserted at the suggestion of the hon. Speaker. It is in the following words:

This Act shall apply only to companies owning or operating mining properties in more than one province of the Dominion.

I have called his attention to the fact that this clause, as worded, would be liable to be so construed as to defeat entirely the object of the Bill—as permitting a company to operate under the Bill only after it had