

prohibition came into effect \$90,000 worth of liquor came into Hamilton every month. There are many men there who have enough to keep them supplied, for two or three years, but the poor men have none, and I think the Government should do something to pacify them. Take the vineyards between Toronto and Niagara—it requires at least five years for them to give a return on the investment, and they have all been practically destroyed. Some one ought to recompense their owners for that. It is all very well for a man to say, I am going to vote temperance. He is not temperate himself, and does not care for the other fellow so long as he gets what he wants.

Honourable gentlemen, I desired to say something on this subject. I do not want to criticise anything that the honourable gentleman from Simcoe (Hon. Mr. Bennett) has said, because I believe that he was perfectly right in what he did say in so far as his knowledge went. I think that his view was incorrect with respect to the new Welland canal.

Honourable gentlemen, I thank you for listening to what I have had to say. I shall not take up the time of the House any longer, except to say that we ought all to co-operate and do all we can. Now that we have won the war we ought to set to work and support the efforts of the Union Government.

Hon. Mr. TESSIER: Or any other Government.

Hon. Mr. MILNE: We all make mistakes. There is not a man living, nor is there a Government either, that does not make mistakes, but we should all work together and do all that is possible to bring about normal conditions.

The motion for the Address was agreed to.

POLLUTION OF NAVIGABLE WATERS BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT moved the second reading of Bill C, an Act respecting the Pollution of Navigable Waters.

He said: This is the same Bill which this House has unanimously adopted on two, perhaps three, occasions. It is exactly the same Bill as was adopted during the first session of 1914, the last session before the war. During the war, I thought it unwise again to bring the matter before Parliament, though a great deal has since been said and done in other countries which, I think, makes the passing of a Bill of this

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sort really imperative. I read with pleasure in the speech from the Throne that the Government contemplates the establishment and organization at an early date of a Department of Public Health. This, I should imagine, is one of the first measures which a Department of Public Health would take up and very seriously consider. At all events, I hope it may be of advantage in the establishment of this department to have this Bill again discussed this session, and the information and data at the disposal of members laid before Parliament and considered.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Public Health.

RAILWAY ACT CONSOLIDATION BILL.

SECOND READING—CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the second reading of Bill A, an Act to consolidate and amend the Railway Act.

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

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved that the Bill be referred to the Committee of the Whole to-morrow. He said: As I stated yesterday, this is practically the Bill which was passed last session.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is needless for me to say that I have not examined it from the first clause to the last. The honourable gentleman states that it is "practically" the Bill as we passed it last session. Has he himself sufficient knowledge that it is the Bill as it left this House? If it is, then it is our own work.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes. Subsection 5 of section 374 has been omitted; that was the contentious clause of last year. But the Bill, with the exception of some changes in phraseology in certain sections, in no way affecting the substance, is the Bill of last year. The only change made is in omitting subsection 5 of section 374.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Had that subsection been taken out by the Senate?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes, we struck it out. So it is the Bill of last year. As we proceed with the Bill section by section in Committee of the Whole House, I shall mention any slight changes in language which have been made.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: If there is nothing else before the House, could we not