

remove the fallen superstructure that is an obstacle to the navigation of the river? No one has interested himself in that.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It is a difficult matter to know the exact position of the government. It is a large and serious problem, and we do not know who is liable for the loss of the bridge. An inquiry has been made. The report of one distinguished engineer has been obtained; but it will require very much more consideration than the government has been able as yet to give it, to decide what shall be done, and all the government is asking for now is the authority of parliament to go on and spend \$25,000 in the preparation of plans for a new bridge.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Has the government decided as to their responsibility?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, nothing is decided.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Are the government going to take over the present bridge?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—There must be some elasticity about the position of the government. We can only decide what can best be done when we get more information. That is the only sensible way. If my hon. friend was a member of the government he would not advise anything else.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—If I were a member of the government I would go on with the bridge, and leave the company where it is. As a member of the government, I would understand we had a right to build the bridge wherever we liked. I would select the best spot, and if the best spot is where the bridge is now, I would buy the company out, but I would do it on the report of experts as to what kind of bridge should be built, and where it should be built.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I think the hon. gentleman has disqualified himself from taking an independent position, because, all through, he has shown a bitter hostility against the contractors and the company. He is not a capable judge.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The generous friendship shown by the government to Mr. Parent, does not indicate that they are not biased also, in favour of the company. If the hon. gentleman has a reproach to make to me on that subject, I have the same re-

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proach to address to him in the other way. The friendship that is shown by the leader of this House and members of the government, to that particular gentleman indicates a danger that the public will soon find out.

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

THE SUPPLY BILL.

FIRST READING.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (No. 220) 'An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for public service for the financial year ending 31st March, 1909.'

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Moved that the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved that when the Senate adjourns to-day it do stand adjourned until Monday next at 9.30 a. m.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Monday, July 20, at 9.30 a. m.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Monday, July 20, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 9.30 a.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE SUPPLY BILL.

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of Bill (No. 220) An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending 31st of March, 1909.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—As prorogation is about to take place at noon, not much time is permitted to discuss so important a subject as this Supply Bill. I do not propose to enter upon such a discussion in anything approaching an exhaustive manner. I simply desire to enter my protest against what I regard as the unex-