

Several Hon. GENTLEMEN: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the adjournment of the debate.

The motion was agreed to.

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (43), An Act respecting the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Co. and to change its name to the Huron and Erie Mortgage Corporation.—Hon. Mr. Kerr.

Bill (58), An Act respecting the Casualty Company of Canada.—Hon. Mr. McHugh.

Bill (G), An Act respecting the patent of the National Wood Distilling Co.—Hon. Mr. Bostock.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

Bill (8), An Act respecting the Edmonton, Dunvegan and B.C. Ry. Co.—Hon. Mr. Talbot.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (20), An Act respecting the C.N. Ry. Co.—Sir Lyman Melvin Jones.

Bill (49), An Act respecting the Calgary and Fernie Ry. Co.—Hon. Mr. DeVeber.

Bill (50), An Act respecting the Canadian Western Ry. Co.—Hon. Mr. Watson.

Bill (52), An Act respecting the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company.—Hon. Mr. Casgrain.

Bill (54), An Act respecting the Toronto Terminals Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Kerr.

Bill (60), An Act to incorporate the Ent-whistle and Alberta Southern Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Pope.

Bill (61), An Act respecting the Simcoe, Grey and Bruce Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Taylor.

Bill (62), An Act respecting the Bank of Alberta.—Hon. Mr. Talbot.

Bill (65), An Act respecting the Toronto and Hamilton Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Taylor.

Bill (K), An Act respecting Patent of John Miller & Son, Ltd.—Hon. Mr. Derbyshire.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock.

THE SENATE.

Wednesday, March 17, 1915.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (L), An Act for the relief of Adam Clarke Anderson.—Hon. Mr. Taylor.

Bill (M), An Act for the relief of Thomas Jefferson Moore.—Hon. Mr. Watson.

DOMINION LANDS IN RAILWAY BELT, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved:

Resolved, that the following Orders in Council made by His Royal Highness the Governor General in Council, in accordance with the regulations for the survey, administration, disposal and management of Dominion lands within the Railway Belt in the province of British Columbia, approved by Order in Council of the 17th September, 1889, that is to say:

1. Order in Council P.C. No. 720, dated 14th March, 1914, further amending the regulations by adding thereto subsection C to section 22 of the said regulations defining the term "Residence in the Vicinity" of his homestead by an entrant.

2. Order in Council P.C. No. 2597, dated 17th October, 1914, making the provisions of section 22 of the Dominion Lands Act applicable to Dominion lands within the Railway Belt in the province of British Columbia whereby the time during which an entrant is absent from his homestead while a member of a military force enrolled under the authority of the Minister of Militia and engaged in the defence of the British Empire may be counted as residence upon his homestead.

Copies of each of which Orders in Council were laid before this House on the 12th day of March, 1915, for the approval of this House under the provisions of subsection D of section 38 of the regulations for the survey, administration, disposal and management of Dominion lands within the forty-mile Railway Belt in the province of British Columbia, and the said Orders in Council are now so approved.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Is the hon. gentleman able to give me an answer to the question I asked yesterday as to the homesteads?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No, because the question my hon. friend puts is a hypothetical one. He refers to the case of a man who may want to abandon his homestead. If the homesteader will forward a notice of abandonment, or if it is secured from him, or if there is any indication that he does not intend to return to the homestead, then the minister would deal with it on the evidence before him, but my hon. friend will readily see that it is impossible to make provision for a hypothetical case of that kind by an Order in Council. The minister would be glad to deal with the case if the facts were put before him.