

hend. With so many experts, four months proved little enough time in which to dispose of the Bill.

The only Bill which might have been introduced sooner was not contentious at all—the measure to amend the Criminal Code. It was introduced into the other House nearly three weeks ago. Why it took so long to reach us I do not know.

If the honourable gentleman's influence in his party is at all commensurate with his capacity, I hope he will do something with members in another Chamber to see to it that more expedition is given to the legislative business of the country.

At 1 o'clock the Senate took recess.

The Senate resumed at 3 p.m.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Honourable members, there is still no business for this House to deal with, nor any intimation as to when the final business of Parliament will be presented. I move that we adjourn during pleasure, to meet when the bell is rung, at the call of His Honour the Speaker. I anticipate that we are not likely to be called before six; but as to that I cannot speak with certainty.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Honourable members, all I can say, on the best information obtainable, is that it will be necessary for us to convene at 8 o'clock. I believe that the seemingly inevitable discussion in the other House shows signs of terminating.

At 6 o'clock the Senate took recess.

The Senate resumed at 8 o'clock.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Honourable members, I am compelled to move again for an adjournment during pleasure. I understand there are still some items of the Supply Bill to pass the other House. I will make no statement as to when they may be passed. Never having been in the newspaper profession, I am not a success at gathering news.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: There is no scoop in that.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Secretary to the Governor General, acquainting him that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate Chamber this day at 10 p.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present session of Parliament.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 5

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 129, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1935.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE moved the second reading of the Bill.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Honourable members, I suppose I might become greatly disliked if I were to proceed to criticize the contents of this Bill. The reason I desist is not that the measure does not deserve criticism.

This is probably the last opportunity I shall have to speak at this session, and I want to say it is my prognostication that before this House meets again we shall have had a general election. When we finish this evening honourable members of the Senate will not be nearly as nervous as honourable members of another place, who have to go home and report progress—or the opposite.

The passing of supply is principally, though not altogether, the prerogative of the House of Commons. Particularly at this late hour, I have no objection to raise to the giving of second reading to this Bill.

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

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE moved the third reading of the Bill.

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

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

His Excellency the Governor General having come and being seated on the Throne:

The Hon. the SPEAKER commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed