

be reported in full, for I am convinced that when the public read the arguments advanced in this case, and see the vote that was given, they will agree with the hon. member from Amherst that the Senate is not the proper tribunal to try divorce cases. I have not said much on this case, because what I intended to say was said in very much better terms than I could do it by the hon. gentleman from Calgary.

HON. MR. REESOR—I am not so sure, but if we refused to publish the debate in the ordinary way, it would give rise to a feeling to have it published outside in a worse way than it will appear in our reports.

HON. MR. MCINNES (B.C.)—I agree with the leader of the Government that it would be establishing a dangerous precedent, and if any hon. gentleman, during the discussion, has made use of language that should not appear, it can be toned down. I think that the House will have no objection to that; at the same time, instead of this discussion having a tendency to demoralize the public, I believe it will have a deterrent effect on people coming here on such flimsy pretexts for divorce.

HON. MR. DEVER—I think it would be very inconsistent with our action of a few days ago, when the House decided that nothing should be suppressed in the debates, if we should now turn round and ignore the decision we then arrived at. We all favor a full report of the proceedings of this House, and I contend that there was nothing said in this debate that should not have a beneficial effect on the public, for it will show the country that people must not come here with bolstered up cases, and expect to carry a divorce bill through this House.

CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT.

BILL WITHDRAWN.

The order of the day being called for second reading of Bill (A A) "An Act to amend the Canada Temperance Act."

HON. MR. DICKEY said:—A word of explanation is necessary from me for putting this order on the paper, and for the course that I propose to adopt. It is a bill intended to remedy a defect of

the revisers in the consolidation of the Canada Temperance Acts some four years ago. It was thought necessary to get an amendment this session, and the Bill for that purpose having been introduced in another place and having been delayed some two months, in consequence of the pressure of other business, the promoter finding that he had only one day more, that is to say yesterday, got the assent of the House to reintroduce it here; but fortunately there was a slide of bills in the other House and a clearance of the order paper which gives us assurance of an early prorogation. Therefore, this bill received the assent of the other House, and I move that the order of the day be discharged.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I do not think my hon. friend is quite correct in saying that the revisers had made a mistake. I do not think the revisers made any mistake, but a judge, in my hon. friend's Province, thought they had. It amounted to this: They repealed a law which had served its purpose and which was no longer necessary and struck it out of the Statute Books, and the judge down there came to the conclusion that an Act which had been brought into force by that law had ceased to have any force because the Act bringing it into force had been repealed. So, I am inclined to think it was rather a mistake of the judge than of the revisers. But my hon. friend was quite right, when there was a doubt, to bring in the bill, and I should have been glad to give him every assistance in passing it.

HON. MR. DICKEY—Unfortunately the friends of temperance, after the judge had given that decision, thought it was not wise to leave the matter in that position, and, although I was not a supporter of the Canada Temperance Act, I was quite willing that the law of the land should be made plain so that there should be no doubt about it, and I think the temperance people were entitled to that amendment in the law, though I hope the decision of the Supreme Court, if an appeal is made from that judgment, will show that we are correct in the position we take.

SECOND READING.

Bill (125) "An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada (Mr. Ogilvie).