

monthly payment? You gentlemen who have graduated from the ranks and have become millionaires ought to remember the old days—whether the time elapsed since then is long or short makes no difference—you ought to remember the old days, when the bills came in from the grocer, and the butcher, and the baker—and especially the plumber (did you ever get a plumber's bill?) and the painter, and the others. When the wife sat in a chair crying and the poor man came home from his work, what was the scene? "I cannot pay the bills," she says. "Dear," he says, "no, you cannot pay the bills because I am not paid for my work. I have been working from 6 o'clock in the morning until 7 to-night, and I have not got my pay, and how can you pay the bills if the company doesn't pay me?" That is the story of many and many a household, many and many a poor mother with children at her knee. Is that not a pitiful scene? Does that not appeal to the hard-hearted millionaires throughout the country? How can you resist an appeal of that kind? How can any Government stand behind capitalists who are crushing the workingmen, depriving them of all delight in life, by the force of wealth—by the force of money for election purposes? There is the history, not only of the Conservative party, but even of the Liberal party. All parties are alike in this country. They cater to wealth to secure election. That to my mind is the only reason why sensible men oppose the demands of labour for right and justice. I say to my fellow countrymen, keep your eye and keep your hand on your legislatures. They are few in number; you are the majority; and in all democratic countries the democracy should rule. You labour men outside these walls are the majority in this country. Keep your eye on the legislatures, keep your hand on them, even if they be immortal, like this eternally-composed Senate. Some members go, some come, but the Senate goes on forever.

Hon. Mr. NICHOLLS: Some Senators.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: You men in the trenches of labour, you men in the firing line of life, have your families and children to maintain. See that legislators, not only in this House, but also in the House of Commons, are not subject or submissive to the influence of capital, which tries to take from you all the blood it can without killing you outright. That is the appeal I make to my fellow men outside the walls of this

Senate, and I know it will be heeded. And let the statesmen beware, for the day is coming when the workingman's voice—not the wishes or interests of the millionaire—shall be the law of the land. Now, honourable gentlemen, I have said enough—

Some hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I have said too much for the few here, who represent very little; but I have said enough for my fellow countrymen to know that at least they have in H. J. Cloran a friend who stands by them now and forever.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: The amendment proposed has been the subject of considerable discussion, and it is a great satisfaction to me to know that the principle of this Bill has been accepted. It may be within the recollection of some members of this honourable House that a few years ago I brought up a similar Bill. At that time it might have passed but for the fact that the session ended sooner than we had expected. However, I am entirely in sympathy with this Bill and hope it will become law. I do not think the proposed measure would be a hardship on the railways at all. I think the railways will realize after a very few months that the wages will go much farther if payment is made twice a month than if made only once. The committee has had the advantage of hearing both sides on this question, and I think that after a committee has reported it has been rather unusual, during all the time I have been a member of this honourable House, to make further amendments without sending the Bill back to the committee, and giving the same parties the opportunity of being heard again. It is contrary to the rules of the House to state what took place in the committee; but I think that a discussion of this kind should take place in committee, where the parties would be represented; and I would suggest to the mover that in the interest of his own Bill it should be referred back to the committee. It is known that the Minister of Railways and the Government wanted the Bill amended in a certain way, and we know that in this country the Minister of Railways and the Government have, for the time being at any rate, the power to have legislation passed. The railway companies have admitted before the committee that they have no objection to this Bill. There is only the question of having this amendment approved by the committee, and I believe that if the honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. Robertson) de-