

it was due to the unsavoury Bills brought in more than the want of ventilation.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BOYER—But the hon. gentleman should have told us; he might have taken the trouble to analyse the atmosphere of the House after a week's time in the beginning of the session; then I would have told every one of my friends who came, "You are going to be poisoned, and at the end of the session it will be worse yet." There is no doubt that the atmosphere of the House is kept too hot, but with the old system of radiation we have, it is practically impossible to control it. Yesterday we had a draft in the corridors strong enough to sweep our hats away; but when I made some remonstrance about it the caretaker told me it was the unanimous wish, barring my own, that we should go through this draft. So what are you going to do about it?

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—Well, one need not stand right in front of the doorway all the time.

Hon. Mr. BOYER—No, but you have to cross it.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—I might say that the only place in this whole building that I know of which is properly ventilated, or ventilated at all, is the Chamber of the House of Commons. There they have a system of exhausting the foul air and bringing in fresh air by fans, and although that Chamber is the same size as this, and they have three times as many members there, you never find the air in the House of Commons stagnant and so hot as to be almost irrespirable, as we find the air of this Chamber to-day; so that the matter can be arranged, and arranged satisfactorily, if proper steps are taken to do so.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I am very glad my hon. friend from St. John has directed the attention of the House to this very important matter. It has struck me within the last week that there was something wrong in the atmosphere of the Senate. I must say that I attempted to analyse it in every possible way—

Hon. Mr. KERR—Too much hot air.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—But it remained at last for my hon. friend from St. John to strike on a very happy solution as to what the trouble has been. I can very well understand now why the Senate is agitated, as

stated in the public press. It has been due to the vitiated air and the atmospheric poisons which my hon. friend has described. This will account for our disturbed condition. I understand that draughts and currents of poisonous and vitiated air will always result in a disturbance of the atmosphere, both moral, physical and otherwise.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—Irritation.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I hope, now that the end of the session is in view, we in going away may attribute any little friction or agitation which disturbed the Senate during the last week not to the moral condition of our minds, but rather to the vitiated condition of the atmosphere produced by the poisonous air which has been pumped up from the air chambers below.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I quite agree with the last speaker with regard to this matter. I rise to endorse the position taken by the hon. senator from St. John. He has suggested that if the Internal Economy Committee wanted to do something useful they should take up this matter. That is a very proper suggestion.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—Without the recommendation of the Speaker.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Without the recommendation of the Speaker. That proposition I think is timely, and the Internal Economy Committee ought to take it into serious consideration. It is a subject which would give them a lot to do, and something useful to do. The committee, under the enlightened and very effective management of its chairman, might be able to accomplish something. In regard to the remarks of the hon. leader of the Government to smooth off the situation as it is to-day—unparalleled in the history of any Parliament of the British Dominions or of any other Parliament—we all take his remarks in the best of spirits. There is no doubt that there is a condition of things in the Senate to-day that ought not to exist, that jeopardizes all the legislation we are passing; and of course a smiling remark or a soothing proposition will not destroy the effects of what is going on now in the absence of the official head of the Senate. I have several times put this hon. House on its guard that we are acting illegally, unconstitutionally and irregularly. Of course, if the hon. leader of the Government thinks that it is due to the vitiated atmosphere of this House, which is controlled by the Department of Public Works,