

Hon. Mr. TODD: Yes, there is. The honourable gentleman might as well admit that we cannot build ships as cheaply as they can in England.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: Oh, yes, we can.

Hon. Mr. TODD: And there is a big shipping policy being carried on in England, and also in the United States, and you will find that the building of ships will be overdone in the next four or five years. Why do not the large financial institutions of Canada advance this money—this fifty per cent? I would like to ask my honourable friend the leader of the Government that question.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I do not know. That is their own judgment. I would say to my honourable friend that I have not the slightest doubt that the large shipyards of Canada are being very largely helped by the banks of Canada and the other financial institutions.

Hon. Mr. TODD: Then why do not the banks keep on helping them?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I suppose the banks have a limitation.

Hon. Mr. TODD. I only wish the Government had a limitation. The only institution in this country that has no limitation is the Government. I tell you it is a business transaction, and you will find inside three or four years that many gentlemen on the other side will agree with me in that.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: You will find you will be wrong.

Hon. Mr. EDWARDS: May I be permitted to add one word to what I said? I have some knowledge of the industrial conditions of Canada to-day, and I know of no industry that has to-day a sufficient supply of men. On the other hand, I know of some large institutions that have to close their works because of the lack of labour.

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

CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

SENATE AMENDMENT NOT INSISTED UPON.

A message was received from the House of Commons stating that that House had agreed to the second amendment made by the Senate in Bill 53, an Act to amend the Civil Service Act, 1918, and the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1919, but had disagreed to the first amendment made by the Senate in the said Bill.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved that the Senate do not insist on its first amendment, and that a message be sent to the House of Commons accordingly.

Hon. Mr. TURRIFF: Which amendment was that?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: That was the one taking the Senate out of the Civil Service Act.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I cannot say that I agree with the reasons given by the House of Commons for objecting to our amendment. I think we have every right to take the staff of the Senate out of the hands of the Civil Service Commission if we wish to, and I think that the House of Commons has not taken the proper view of this matter.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: I am quite at one with the honourable leader of the Opposition with regard to the reasons assigned by the House of Commons; but, as the situation is serious—for I feel that there would be trouble if we insisted on our amendment in these closing days of the Session—I do not think we should insist now. I am glad, however, that the leader of the Opposition has mentioned the matter, because I agree with him.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I would like to ask my honourable friend whether it would be possible to put in a rider to that effect.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No.

The motion was agreed to.

INCOME WAR TAX BILL.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

Bill 158, an Act to amend the Income War Tax Act, 1917.—Hon. Sir James Lougheed.

SPECIAL WAR REVENUE BILL.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

Bill 183, an Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act, 1915.—Hon. Sir James Lougheed.

DEMobilIZATION BORROWINGS BILL.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

Bill 211, an Act to confirm certain Borrowings under the Demobilization Appropriation Act, 1919.—Sir James Lougheed.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 2 p.m.