

And this honourable House has, who can doubt it, a mellowing elevating influence, not only upon the body politic, but upon Canadian society in all of its strata and miscellaneous ramifications.

In these days of advancement and unrest, any human agency that has a restraining influence upon the prevailing iconoclastic tendency of the age, that acts as a brake upon the rapidly developing tendency of the public mind under proper restraint, that inculcates respect for authority and honourable and useful precedent, that demands a high standard of honour in public as in private life, requires no justification of its existence.

Hon. Mr. ELLIS moved that the debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—I think this is going to be a long drawn out discussion, and I would suggest that it be proceeded with to-night. It will degenerate into a miserable debate if we do not proceed with it in a more rapid way.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—In an important debate of this character, we have always consulted the wishes of the hon. gentlemen who desire to speak. We have only one important measure on the order paper for to-morrow, and I fancy we can finish this debate in good time.

The motion was agreed to.

**GRAIN INSPECTION ACT, AMENDMENT BILL.**

**FIRST READING.**

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (207) an Act to amend the Grain Inspection Act.

The Bill was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Is this Bill dealing with standards?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Yes. They have the notion that the standard has been too high, to the detriment of the people in the Northwest.

The SPEAKER—I have received a petition from the Winnipeg Grain and Produce Exchange with reference to this Bill, which I will lay on the table.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Is it for or against the measure?

The SPEAKER—I do not know.

The Senate adjourned till three o'clock to-morrow.

**SENATE.**

OTTAWA, Wednesday, June 27, 1906.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE PETITION OF J. T. PATERSON.

**REJECTED.**

The petition from James Thomson Paterson, of the city of New York, praying to be paid for his services as an expert witness before a special committee of the Senate appointed to investigate into the affairs of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Assurance Company of New York in Canada, was read.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I call your attention, Mr. Speaker, to the fact that this is a petition praying for public money, which, under the constitution of parliament, cannot be received. If a reference be made to Bourinot and May, it will be found that that principle is laid down very clearly. Hence the petition is out of order.

The SPEAKER—This petition cannot be received, as the granting of the prayer of the petition would involve the expenditure of public money.

**THIRD READINGS.**

Bill (150) An Act respecting the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Railway Company.—(Hon. Mr. Casgrain, Windsor.)

Bill (159) An Act to incorporate the Cobalt Railway Company.—(Hon. Mr. McHugh.)

Bill (57) An Act respecting the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company.—(Hon. Mr. Edwards.)

**TEMAGAMI, TIMISKAMING AND COBALT RAILWAY COMPANY BILL.**

**THIRD READING.**

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN, from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, re-