

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill passed through its final stages.

DAIRY PRODUCTS BILL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A Message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (125) "An Act to prevent the manufacture and sale of filled or imitation cheese, and to provide for the branding of dairy products."

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS moved the suspension of the rule, and that the Bill be read the second time at length at the Table. He said:—The object of this Bill is to prevent the sale of skim-milk cheese unless it is branded as such, and to prevent United States cheese from being brought into this country and sold in England as Canadian cheese. It also provides that all Canadian cheese for export shall be marked "Canada" or "Canadian."

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It is quite apparent that we are having some very important legislation introduced within a few hours of the prorogation of Parliament. It is fortunate that the proposed legislation is such that it is not open to serious objection. At the same time, it is scarcely fair to the Senate to deprive us of an opportunity of commenting on these measures. I quite appreciate the importance of this Bill and think it is most desirable that United States cheese should not be sold in the European market under the name of Canadian, as I am told has been done. How do the Government propose to meet the difficulty which is sure to arise of cheese being branded, as it can be in the United States, "Canadian" and shipped through Canada to England in bond? Have we the power to change the brand on these packages? How are we to examine them to ascertain whether they are improperly marked? It raises a very important international question. That is where the great danger is to be apprehended. I do not see how we can check the fraud when it is perpetrated in the way I have indicated.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—It is impossible to interfere with goods passing through this country in bond. If the cheese bears false marks I do not think that we can alter those

marks. What we can do is to prevent Canadian citizens from dealing with that cheese—punish them for selling when they know that it has not been made in this country.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The sales, of course, are made on the other side of the Atlantic.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—There is always a middle-man in Canada and we can reach him.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill passed through its final stages.

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS OF MONTREAL BILL.

COMMONS AMENDMENTS AGREED TO.

A Message was received from the House of Commons to return Bill (99) "An Act respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal," with amendments.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS moved that the amendments be concurred in. He said:—The Bill was amended in this House to make the Mayor of Montreal *ex officio* a member of the Montreal Harbour Commission. The result of the amendment was to equally divide the Board between those appointed by the Government and those representing the city. It is desirable that the Government should have a controlling voice; they are expending public moneys in Montreal harbour, and it has always been an accepted principle in such cases that the Government should have the control. This amendment is to add another member, so that there may be six appointed by the Government and five by the city.

The motion was agreed to.

THE SUPPLY BILL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A Message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (135) "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the public service, for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1893, and the 30th June, 1894, and for other purposes relating to the public service."

The Bill was read the first time.