

HON. MR. KAULBACH—Are there no changes in the Bill?

HON. MR. READ—No changes.

HON. MR. GIRARD—These small bills should not be adopted without careful consideration. They may interfere with the rights and privileges of the subject. The first clause provides a penalty for any one carrying a pistol or air-gun, unless he has a certificate exempting him from the operation of the Act. I think the air-gun should be prohibited; it is the murderer's weapon; but I do not think that a man who carries a revolver on his own premises should be subject to this penalty. I think the second line of the clause should be struck out, because, if any one fears an assault or injury to himself or his family or property, he can go to a magistrate and make a declaration and get a certificate, as provided for in the Bill.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I fear that my hon. friend from Quinté will not accept the suggestion. I moved in the same direction last year, and not only he, but the leader of the House also, opposed me. At home we practise with pistols and air-guns for amusement, and would come within the scope of this Bill and be liable to a fine. There is no intention, according to the view taken by the House last year, to modify the Bill in any way. You cannot carry a pistol even on your own grounds.

HON. MR. LACOSTE—These details can be discussed when we consider the Bill in Committee of the Whole.

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

The Senate adjourned at 6 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, February 12th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (M) "An Act to authorise the Toronto Savings Bank Charitable Trust to invest certain Funds." (Mr. Sullivan.)

Bill (L) "An Act to amend the Railway Act as respects running powers." (Mr. Loughheed.)

BETTER SECURITY OF FISHERMEN BILL.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (E) "An Act for better securing the safety of certain Fishermen."

(In the Committee.)

On the first clause—

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I regret that my hon. friend did not delay the second reading of this Bill until I was in my place in the House. I opposed this Bill last year, as I did not believe that it afforded the protection which the preamble would lead the House to believe it did. I consider it a useless measure, but I cannot very well, at this stage, oppose the principle of the Bill.

HON. MR. POWER—The Bill was read the second time with the express understanding that the right was reserved to every hon. gentleman to oppose it at the committee stage if he chose.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—Unless some necessity is shown for the legislation, it is worse than useless to encumber our statute books with such enactments. My hon. friend failed to show any necessity for this Bill. I come from a county which is more deeply interested in fishing than all the rest of the Province of Nova Scotia together. Interested, as I am personally, in that enterprise, I would be the last man in this House to object to any reasonable protection which could be afforded to the hardy race of men whose employment is so greatly in the interest of the Dominion. Although I have not been home since last Session, yet I have questioned men who are engaged largely in this enterprise in the county of Lunenburg, and they reply that the Bill will do no harm, but it will do no good. The men engaged in the fishing industry in my county actually do what this Bill proposes that they should do. Our fishermen are no hired laborers, but have an interest in the vessels in which they are engaged. A number of them club together and build a vessel, and select their leader, and they are not like hired servants, obliged to obey the orders of masters. They are very intelligent men, and know better what is required for their own protection than any one less interested in their calling. It seems to me rather a