

expected to consider this and then have a dose doled out and then a third and take a chance of not having time to look at it at all. I do not wish to be either brusque or rude about this, but I wish to be firm, and think we ought to have a distinct and definite understanding.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I can scarcely think my hon. friend is desirous of more information than I have already given him.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—May I ask my hon. friend when the resurrection took place. He informed us yesterday that the Postal Bill was dead.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Is my hon. friend not aware that a message was sent down by this House to the House of Commons?

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Yes.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Well, it would not be an unreasonable thing for the House of Commons to send back another message. Of course I regret very much that we have to keep the opponents of the Bill in Ottawa to learn what the conclusion will be.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—The hon. gentleman assured us yesterday that the Government would not accept the Bill if amended, and he said it was dead. I was wondering how it was resurrected.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC from the committee reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The Senate adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

THE SENATE.

Friday, June 12, 1914.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Ten o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

SUPPLY BILL.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved the third reading of Bill (228), An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial years ending March 31, 1914, and March 31, 1915.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—This Supply Bill was brought down to the House last night, and we have only had a very few minutes to consider the amount of money that this country is proposing to spend this coming

year. The total figure given us last night by the hon. leader of the Government in this House, amounted to \$208,000,000 for the expenditure of the country during the present year. A short time since, when the Budget was discussed in the House of Commons, we were told that the revenue of the country would amount to somewhere about \$163,000,000, and at the same time we were told that the revenue represented a decrease over the revenue the year before of \$5,000,000. In comparing the amount that the hon. gentleman told us last night we were going to spend in this country this year, with the amount spent last year, we find there is an increase in the proposed Budget of some \$6,000,000. Therefore, our expenditure is going up all the time, and our revenue is decreasing. The hon. gentleman last night claimed that the great expenditure of the country was due to the action of the late Government, but the late Government was justified in the view they took of the condition of the country, because during the years they were in power, starting from 1902, they had a series of surpluses—the business of the country was on the increase, the revenue was on the increase, and the general development of the country was going ahead in the most satisfactory manner. But now we seem to have come to a condition where the tide is turning, where the condition of the country is changing, and I say it is time this question should be very carefully considered; that we should not be providing for this enormous expenditure when our revenue is falling off in the way it is. Since the end of the fiscal year 1913-14, the reports that we have received of the revenue of the country show that it will probably decrease for the year 1914-15. Unless some very material change takes place in the condition of the country we are very liable to find that the revenue of the country for the coming year is less than it is for the year just past, at the same time the prospect of development of business throughout the country this year, I regret to say, is not very encouraging. All the information that we received from various parts of the country point to the fact that we have come to the period when the advance of the country in material prosperity is not as rapid or as great as it has been in the past. Again we find on looking at our immigration returns that immigration is not going ahead in the way we could wish. We have had a very great immigration into this country for several