

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It has been found upon consideration that the duties enumerated in these Acts in the schedule can very well be administered by the new department. Consequently those duties will be taken out of the hands of the department at present administering them. The duties extend to the Quarantine Act, the Adulteration Act, the Public Works Health Act, the Leprosy Act, the Canada Shipping Act, and the Proprietary or Patent Medicines Act. There are certain other medical duties performed by other departments that will not be interfered with, but it has been found that these can be more properly administered by the new department.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Are we not limiting the department to the work under those particular Acts, or preventing them taking any action with regard to any other work that may be outside of those Acts?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Oh, no. This is simply a part of the duties to be executed by the department. The Bill operates as a transfer, or as an amendment to the specific Acts mentioned in the schedule.

Paragraph g was agreed to.

Paragraph h was agreed to.

On paragraph i:

Hon. Mr. POWER: It seems to me that this paragraph meets the question asked by the leader of the Opposition. It says:

Such other matters relating to health as may be referred to the department by the Governor in Council.

The Governor in Council, upon finding that any matter has been overlooked may refer it to the minister.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Paragraph i was agreed to.

Section 5 was agreed to.

On section 6—Dominion Council of Health:

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: This section appears to be one of the most important, perhaps the most important clause in the whole Act. Can the honourable leader of the Government give us any idea as to the extent of the powers of the Governor in Council? Does that refer merely to the matters described as duties and powers under section 4?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: They are already within their powers.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: These are powers that may be delegated to this council. They will be within the purview of the powers enumerated under section 4, but they may be delegated by the Governor in Council to this particular body.

Section 6 was agreed to.

Sections 7 and 8 were agreed to.

The schedule, preamble and title were agreed to.

The Bill was reported without amendment.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, the 6th May, at 3 p.m.

## THE SENATE.

Tuesday, May 6, 1919.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### DIVORCE BILLS.

#### FIRST READINGS.

Bill M 2, an Act for the relief of David Jamieson.—Hon. Mr. Talbot.

Bill N 2, an Act for the relief of Lilian North.—Hon. Mr. Talbot.

Bill O 2, an Act for the relief of Thomas Davies.—Hon. Mr. Ratz.

Bill P 2, an Act for the relief of Frederick Millman.—Hon. Mr. Ratz.

Bill Q 2, an Act for the relief of George Irvine Tuck.—Hon. Mr. Bradbury.

Bill R 2, an Act for the relief of Simon John Fraser.—Hon. Mr. Blain.

Bill S 2, an Act for the relief of Wilmot Orley Wiles.—Hon. Mr. Bennett.

### BETTERMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL MACHINERY.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN moved:

That a Special Committee consisting of the Hon. Messrs. Béique, Dandurand, Foster, Ross (Middleton), and the mover, be appointed to consider and report on the possibility of bettering the machinery of Government, and that the said committee be empowered to call for persons, papers and records.

The motion was agreed to.