

figure when the Governor comes in if we have only got to show him one of us in plain clothing. I have another grievance. In the Public Accounts we pay every year a sum of money for booming the noonday gun, which is supposed to keep us straight in time; now, to-day that noonday gun was fired five whole minutes before 12 o'clock.

Several hon. GENTLEMEN—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BOYER—Have new officials been appointed who do not know their business, who do not even know the time on a clock? Or is it part and parcel of the Government policy to continue to deceive the country.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The hon. gentleman's duty is to adjust his watch to the gun.

Hon. Mr. BOYER—I will bet mine against yours.

The Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock.

Second Sitting.

The Acting Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Routine proceedings.

VENTILATION OF THE SENATE CHAMBER.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—Before the Orders of the Day are called, I should like to draw the attention of hon. gentlemen to a subject that I think is of much more importance to them than is generally believed. I refer to the very unsatisfactory way in which this Chamber is heated and ventilated. The air that we have been breathing for the last several weeks is such as should not be imposed upon any deliberative assembly, and I am quite satisfied, from the observations that I have been making during the last few days, that nothing but a little care and intelligence is required to keep this Chamber in such a condition of heat and ventilation as would be suitable and agreeable to all the members of this hon. House. As I understand it, this Chamber is heated by a system of cold air coming in over hot pipes. That air, as far as I can learn, is not brought directly from the outside, but through passages underneath this building, and is not pure,—not such air as should be introduced into this Chamber for hon. gentlemen to breathe.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. BOYER.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—The fact is that for the last several days the thermometer at the door has indicated a temperature in this House of from 75 to 80 degrees. I believe at the present moment it is 73, and that is cooler than usual. There is no necessity for anything of that kind. I may say that yesterday afternoon or the afternoon before, after the House had been in session in a very hot room, an hour after the adjournment took place I came in here. All the doors were open, the air was practically all right, and the temperature had come down to 68 Farenheit. That, I take it, is about the temperature at which this room should be kept all the time. It is not too hot for the young bloods of this Assembly, and it is hot enough, I think, for the comfort of those who, perhaps, require a little more warmth and heat than when they were 21 or 22 years of age. I thought of asking for the appointment of a committee to consider this matter, and report to the House, but the session is practically closed, and, unless the committee should meet during recess and go over this matter, I do not see that there could be any good result from it. I thought I would take this opportunity of stating to the House that, practically, no one deems it his duty to regulate the ventilation and temperature of this Chamber. The difficulty, to my mind, could be very easily obviated. All it requires is a little care and intelligence, and the matter being thoroughly looked after. Next session, if some improvement does not take place in the meantime, I shall bring the matter up again.

It is absolutely disgraceful that the members of this Chamber are needlessly compelled to sit in a hot house, as this is now, day after day without any one being responsible for seeing that it is properly heated and ventilated.

Hon. Mr. BOYER—It is rather a curious coincidence that the motion of my hon. friend, like the motion of my other hon. friend from Saskatchewan, is brought in at the end of the session.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—It is only within the last week or so that the matter has been brought to my attention. During the winter the conditions to which I object are not so noticeable.

Hon. Mr. BOYER—But it has taken the hon. gentleman two months to tell us of the danger we have been running. Allow me to tell him that if, at the end of the session, he found the atmosphere so vile,