Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: A quarter of a cent.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: The Bill of 1920 increased that in the course of two years—exactly doubled it, if not more.

Anyone who is acquainted with the newspaper business of this country knows well that while a few publishers may be making very large profits, a great many of the newspapers have difficulty in making both ends meet. I have in mind the class of newspapers which sell for only two or three cents, and which have not increased their rates. In Nova Scotia the newspapers sell for three cents. They circulate all throught the province, and they were represented at the conference to which I referred. They are willing to pay a reasonable rate, but they desire to have the rate increased not too suddenly. Their other expenses have increased very much on account of the higher cost of labour and material, and they are not making enormous profits, as some papers are. They are willing to consider the matter fairly, and for my part I am going to vote for the Bill.

Hon. Mr. GORDON: On further consideration, and in deference to the leader of the Government, I wish to withdraw my motion, and have the sense of the House taken on the second reading.

The proposed amendment was withdrawn.

The motion for the second reading of the Bill was negatived: contents 14; non-contents, 26.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m..

THE SENATE

Saturday, June 30, 1923.

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 244, an Act to amend the Canadian National Railways Act, 1919.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 3

FIRST READING

Bill 252, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the financial years ending respectively the 31st of March, 1923, and the 31st of March, 1924.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, this Bill contains the supply voted for the current year, which runs from the 1st of April this year to the 31st of March next. I am informed that it includes not only the principal supply, but the supplementaries, as well. They were voted during the course of the night, which will explain why I have been unable to examine into the details of the Bill. I will have to leave it to honourable gentlemen who want to do so, to speak upon the details or the total from whatever information they may have received when these Bills were presented in the other House. I cannot even state what changes were made when they were taken into consideration by the House of Commons.

The Bill has not been distributed, but it has been the practice since Confederation for the Senate to receive this Bill in the last hours of the Session, so that we are following tradition in fact, perhaps we are in a little better position than usual to speak our minds upon the general policy embodied in the Bill, because we are given a few hours to examine into it. We are not limited in any sense; we can take the whole month of July to criticize each and every item.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Oh, we will not do that. Half a month will be quite satisfactory.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It is to assert the rights of the Senate that I so express myself.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: May I ask what are the totals?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Perhaps the right honourable gentleman from Ottawa (Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster), who has had the direction of the Finance Department, and who cannot have lost all interest in the administration of that Department since he has been transferred to this House from the House of Commons, will be able to give us the details, which I have not now before me. I thought I would see the Minister of Finance before 11 o'clock this morning; but, as I understand the House of Commons adjourned at 8 o'clock this morning, I suppose the Senate will excuse him for not being in his office at 10 o'clock when I called.

Hon. Sir EDWARD KEMP: Honourable gentlemen, the leader of the Government evi-