

where the new building is erected was to be kept more for business purposes and not for offices. I do not know that any explanation has ever been given as to why the Government departed from an arrangement of that kind, and why, when they desired to put up a new building for office purposes, they did not erect it on the land on Wellington street, which had been bought and on which, I presume, they intend at some time to build. It would seem to be very much better, in the interests of the city and also of the Government, that the Government offices should be kept as nearly as possible together, within reasonable limits, in order that the different departments might be fairly contiguous to one another. The building that has been put up on the corner of O'Connor and Albert streets is not exactly the kind of building that one would have expected the Government to erect; it is more in the nature of a general public building. It may be well designed; I have not been over the building to see it; but it does not add any great architectural beauty to the city. Possibly the honourable gentleman can give us some information on these points.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The Government owned part of the property on which the present building is being erected. Furthermore, to erect an office building of that kind, which is a permanent structure upon the land which was expropriated, might seriously interfere with the general design of the building scheme which will in the future be carried out upon that property.

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

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, the Bill was read the third time and passed.

JUDGES' SALARIES BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the second reading of Bill 177, an Act to amend the Judges Act.

He said: Honourable gentlemen, this is a Bill by which it is proposed to increase the salaries of certain judges throughout Canada. It proposes increasing the salary of the president of the Exchequer Court and makes provision for the appointment of another puisne judge to that court. Provision is also made for an increase of salaries in certain of the provinces so as to bring the salaries paid to the judges of New Brunswick, Manitoba and some of the other

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provinces up to the level of the salaries now enjoyed by the judges of Ontario and Quebec.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Honourable gentlemen, there is in connection with this Bill just one point to which I think it is advisable to draw the attention of the House. I notice that in arranging these salaries it is provided that the judges of the Court of Appeal in every province shall be paid the same salary as the judges of the King's Bench division, or of the Supreme Court, as the case may be. Heretofore the policy pursued has been to pay the judges of the Court of Appeal a salary higher than that of the judges of the Supreme Court.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The judges of the King's Bench constitute the Court of Appeal for the province of Quebec. Is that what my honourable friend refers to?

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: No. I do not want to take up the time of the House.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: We are going into Committee on this Bill, on account of certain amendments overlooked in the House of Commons, which the Prime Minister has asked me to have made in this Bill, although it is a money Bill.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: We still maintain our right to go into Committee?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I have been asked by the Government to suggest that the Senate might make certain amendments. In view of the fact that we purpose proroguing to-day, it would be too late to introduce a new Bill in the House of Commons to repair the omission which has occurred.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: I do not think that it will do much good, or have effect, but I cannot allow this Bill to pass without voicing a protest from my province. In another place gentlemen on both sides of the House protested most strenuously against the schedule as laid down in this Bill, because of the discrimination against the Supreme Court judges in the province of Prince Edward Island. On a previous occasion in connection with another amendment to the Judges' Act, I drew attention to the discrimination, but the discrimination in this case is even more pronounced and more obnoxious. The honourable leader of the Opposition has pointed out that appeal judges in the other provinces are put at the same salary as the ordinary judges of the Supreme Court. There has been