

I heard it suggested elsewhere, not very long ago, that instead of erecting large public buildings it might be advisable to provide accommodation for people who are not very well housed. No doubt this is very desirable, and I dare say the Government canvassed the situation.

The Bill embodies the conclusions of the Government on a question of policy, and we must decide whether we will approve it in toto or reject it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I notice that the schedule contains a list of the public works to be undertaken. I assume that the various amounts cannot be transferred from one item to another.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The Auditor General will see to that. I observe that section 7, which was amended in Committee of the Whole in the other House, provides that any work may be undertaken without the inviting of tenders, provided that the cost does not exceed \$25,000. This discretion throws a heavy responsibility upon the Government, since it gives the departments a free hand in dealing with work to be carried on without tender. The inherent danger has been stressed elsewhere. We must rely upon the good faith, sense of duty and wisdom of the Minister who will have charge of those works.

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

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. CALDER moved the third reading of the Bill.

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

BUSINESS OF PARLIAMENT

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Can the honourable gentleman tell us what further bills may be expected from the other House?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I know the House of Commons has concurred in the Senate amendments made to various bills. I should judge from the statement made by the two leaders in the other House that in a comparatively short time the remaining items will be disposed of. We have nothing else to deal with.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: May we expect that it will all end in a love feast?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Not at all.

I think we may as well adjourn during pleasure.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

Hon. Mr. CALDER.

PROROGATION POSTPONED

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Honourable members, it has been intimated to me that there is no possibility of prorogation taking place to-night. I move that when the House adjourns to-night it stand adjourned until Tuesday, July 3, at 10 a.m.

Hon. Mr. MacARTHUR: Honourable senators, may I ask the acting leader of the House if the Governor General was not requested to come here to-night and prorogue Parliament? Does the honourable gentleman expect a quorum on Tuesday?

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Naturally we expect a quorum will be present on Tuesday.

Hon. Mr. PARENT: The newspapers stated that the House of Commons might sit on Monday.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: No, it is not sitting.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, July 3, at 10 a.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, July 3, 1934.

The Senate met at 10 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PROROGATION

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Honourable members, the adjournment until this morning was requested in the belief that the business of the other House was concluding on Saturday night and all that remained was Royal Assent and formal prorogation. I regret the misunderstanding. The other House meets at 11 o'clock. As conceivably it may not conclude its business before 1 o'clock, I think our proper course is to adjourn until 3 o'clock.

BUSINESS OF PARLIAMENT

Hon. C. MacARTHUR: Honourable members, may I be permitted a few minutes only in which to register a protest respecting the system that now obtains, and has obtained for too long a period? I refer to the order in which legislation is prepared and presented to the two branches of Parliament. I believe that the greater blame rests on the other House. We have heard a lot about reform-