

have acted reasonably. Those Bills were really not a private member's Bills. Mr. Boys, a private member, was moving them, but as a matter of fact they were public Bills, and they passed this House by a large majority. I have already said, and I want to accentuate it, that the Bills have received very shabby treatment, and if I had power to hold up the Supply Bill I would be strongly tempted to do so until those Bills were passed. I know from private correspondence that the failure to pass them is a great disappointment, not so much to suitors as to the judges and others who are interested in the welfare of the country. A large number of public bodies have dealt with the question of divorce. The Methodists and the Presbyterians have expressed their opinion. You cannot afford to ignore all these people. I hear from Prince Edward Island, too, that there is a great disappointment there in regard to these Bills. I understand that there are a few cases in which soldiers are concerned, and it is a long way to have to come up here in the winter time, when, as everybody knows, the ice conditions are bad. I regard it as almost a public calamity that those Bills were not passed by the lower House.

Hon. Mr. EDWARDS: What do you say to refusing Supply?

The Senate adjourned until 8.30 p.m.

The Senate resumed at 8.30 p.m.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved that when the House adjourns it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at 1.30 p.m.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 1.30 p.m.

### THE SENATE.

Thursday, July 1, 1920.

The Senate met at 1.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### FISH INSPECTION BILL.

#### FIRST READING.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 50, an Act to amend the Fish Inspection Act.

The Bill was read the first time.

#### SECOND READING.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the second reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Explain.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: When we go into Committee.

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

#### CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE AND REPORTED.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, the Senate went into Committee on the Bill. Hon. Mr. Gordon in the Chair.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Honourable gentlemen, this is a Bill making provision for the inspection and regulation of the packing of pickled fish. This has been introduced very largely upon the representations of the Canadian Fisheries Association, and it practically places fish upon the same plane of fruit and other products which are inspected and regulated by the Government. Up to the present time the inspection of fish has not been carried on to the same extent as the inspection of other products—in fact, it has not been done.

Hon. HEWITT BOSTOCK: Honourable gentlemen, the extraordinary thing that I see about this Bill is that, if it is a desirable measure, as my honourable friend has endeavoured to point out to the House, it has not been dealt with before. Had prorogation taken effect, as we expected, at 10 o'clock last night, this Bill would apparently not have been passed. It is now brought down to us—I was going to say, in the dying hours of the session, but it is later than that—

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Say the eleventh hour.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK:—when the members have gone home and we are not in a position to study the Bill.

As to the Bill itself, I had a copy placed in my hands only a few minutes ago, and it is hard to tell exactly what it means. However, I would draw the honourable gentleman's attention to the last clause, which says:

This Act shall come into force, with respect to fish caught on the Pacific coast, on the first day of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, and, with respect to fish caught on the Atlantic coast on the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

I therefore fail to see why there is a necessity to rush this legislation through at the