

ilege. This, I think, will affect the farmers' home market very greatly at the seaport towns, and for some distance inland. I think, taking it by and large, that while the Canadian farmer may occasionally take advantage of American high prices and get a little more for his products in summer, he stands a chance of having his market in winter glutted, and of having to take whatever overflow prices may prevail. In conclusion, I bring to the attention of the House the fact that it is bad policy to export raw products any more than we can help. If it be that we cannot use these raw materials in our own day and generation we should at least have the courage and the manliness to keep them for those who come after us. Canadians are a highly developed and self-contained people. I should not like to see them reduced to the position of being mere hewers of wood and drawers of water; mere burrowers of the raw material to send it out of the country to make others rich. I feel that if we pass this measure we are approaching the parting of the ways; that we are turning our faces, which have hitherto been looking round the world, to the other members of the galaxy of British nations; we are turning our faces away from that ideal, and we are looking southward to a nation that has never treated us in such a way as to make us particularly desirous to extend special advantages to her. And, Sir, let me say here and now that even if the sacrifice—the temporary financial sacrifice—might be hard on individuals in this country, I think in the long run we will be better off if we continue along the road which we have been following and remain in the rank we at present occupy in the list of nations under the British flag.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Fielding, House adjourned at six o'clock.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, February 23, 1911,

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

### PRIVATE BILLS.

#### FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 123) to incorporate La Banque du Canada.—Mr. Bickerdiak.

Bill (No. 119) respecting the Ontario Northern and Timagami Railway Company.—Mr. Carvell.

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## WATER IN THE RAILWAY BELT AND PEACE RIVER BLOCK.

Hon. FRANK OLIVER (Minister of the Interior) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 124) relating to the water in the Railway Belt and Peace River block of land. He said: The purpose of this Bill is to provide for the administration of rights in regard to water in the Railway Belt of British Columbia and in a certain area of land in the Peace River country within the province of British Columbia, to administer rights to water in these areas by the Dominion government in pursuance of the decisions of the Privy Council delivered recently by which that jurisdiction was fixed.

Mr. MACLEAN (York). May I ask if the Bill covers a policy for the conservation of that water and its equitable distribution? Does it take in that view of the case?

Mr. OLIVER. The whole purpose of the Bill is to provide for the conservation of the public interest in the water in these areas. But, the conditions being what they are, the details are not set out in the Bill.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

## QUEBEC AND NEW BRUNSWICK RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. CARVELL moved the first reading of Bill (No. 120) respecting the Quebec and New Brunswick Railway Company.

Mr. CROCKET. Explain.

Mr. CARVELL. The object of this Bill is to renew a railway charter granted about ten years ago. The charter was renewed about two years ago, but the time allowed for commencement of construction will expire, I believe, in April next. The parties are anxious to have the charter renewed for the purpose of going on and probably constructing the railway. The proposed line is from Quebec to the town of Connors in the province of New Brunswick, and, by an amendment added two years ago, from Connors to the city of St. John. There is also provision, I think, to extend across the northern part of the state of Maine. No doubt, some portion of the railway will be built within the next two years.

Mr. CROCKET. Is the Bill simply for an extension of time?

Mr. CARVELL. That is all.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.