

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—The hon. senator from Marshfield thought there was some machination going on, that some great question of state depends on this Bill. I wish to say that I had no conversation with any member of the government or any member of the Senate about this measure until my attention was drawn to the subject some time in the winter in Montreal. The person who did so asked me if a railway bond was a first lien on the road. He said to me, 'You ought to know better than anybody, being chairman of the Railway Committee.' He said that the working expenses go before a bond, and he took out the Railway Act and showed it to me. I said, 'It is evidently a clerical error in the law of 1903, and it should be corrected.'

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. McKAY (Truro) from the committee reported that they had made some progress with the Bill and asked leave to sit again.

#### CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

##### SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. McGREGOR moved the second reading of Bill (WW) An Act to amend the Canada Temperance Act.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I suppose it is understood that by consenting to the reading of the Bill a second time now, we do not commit ourselves to the principle?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Certainly not.

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

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock.

#### THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Thursday, May 21, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

##### BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (BB) An Act for the relief of Hat-tie Spratte.—(Hon. Mr. Perley.)

#### DELAYED RETURNS.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Is there any news of that correspondence which took place between the military authorities in Ottawa and Colonel Pellatt? An order was given three months ago that this correspondence should be brought down.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Will the hon. gentleman write me a note, so that I can have it on my mind?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Yes, and I will remind the hon. gentleman that I wrote him a note calling attention to the fact that a few weeks ago I sent back a return submitted by the government in respect of the employment of some troops here in Ottawa during the Fenian troubles of 1865-6. That return was incomplete, and I asked that it be completed, and I have not heard of it since.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Nor have I.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Perhaps if I write another note, it will be also forgotten.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I will call attention to it.

#### GRAND TRUNK PENSION SCHEME.

##### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON rose to:

Call the attention of the Senate to the following clipping from the Montreal 'Daily Star,' of April 1, last:—

Grand Trunk Pension Scheme a Success. In an interview this morning with the 'Star,' Mr. William Wainwright, assistant to the general manager and comptroller of the Grand Trunk Railway, expressed his complete satisfaction with the new pension scheme as placed in operation by the company on January 1st. The three months' trial, he declared, had convinced the officials that the inauguration of a pension fund was a wise move and the money was well spent. He believed that company would save in the damages account alone enough to meet the cost of carrying the fund along.

And will inquire if the government will procure and lay on the table of this House authenticated copies of all rules, by-laws and regulations made by the Grand Trunk Railway Company under sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 of chapter 69 of the Acts of Canada of the year 1907.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I may say that in a letter from Mr. Wainwright he says that the interview referred to in the 'Star' never took place, and he was away at the time, and they used his name without au-