

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—I am glad the Senate has got into a medicinal mood this evening, and is prepared to discuss medicine to an extent I never heard of before. I did not rise this evening to make a speech or do anything except to tell the Senate what I thought I knew, perhaps to an equal extent as any other member here, and as there is no other physician here but myself, what I knew perhaps better than any one of them. I said the drugs in the list were the most powerful known to science. My object was to guard the honour and purity of the Senate when I asked the favour of having the Bill postponed until to-morrow morning, when I could have my facts collected for the benefit of the Senate more than my own. I say there are agents here for no other purpose but for the purpose of procuring abortion. Take the first drug on the list, and ergot and cantharides; they cannot be used for any other object.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I rise to a question of order. There is nothing about cantharides in this Bill.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—I am talking about drugs, and the Bill deals with a drug.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The Bill deals with the manufacture and sale of opium.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—Hon. gentlemen have voted for an Act of impurity. I was concerned in sustaining the public morals and they ruthlessly voted for the Bill. They may have the benefit of their ungodly work, and I do not wish them any harm about it. Opium is a drug which, like everything else, there is a good deal of prejudice about. I fail to find in statistics anything about the injurious effect of opium upon the Chinese. They seem to use it with more regularity and caution than any of us would if we indulged in the habit. Many persons have described the effects of the use of opium in those opium dens, but I do not think that can be regarded as satisfactory. Above all things, the Chinese having this habit ought to be treated with a great deal of consideration. I am afraid to say anything for fear it would be looked upon as political, but any expense they have been put to in regard to the payment of duty should be refunded to them. I con-

fess I did not rise so much to speak about opium, as another matter upon which I feel greatly aggrieved. I hope you will look into this question and see whether I was treated right or not.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I suppose my hon. friend can state what the export trade of opium from Vancouver and Victoria is?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, I have no knowledge of it.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The only question in my mind is, if those dealers in opium have not imported the drug for export purposes. Of course if they have done so, the question of damages might not be so serious a matter as has been indicated.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—I am quite in accord with this Bill. We should put a stop to the opium trade, at the same time I agree with hon. gentlemen who think we should treat those who have invested their money in the industry, fairly. I am not sure but the amount they paid in customs duty should be refunded to them. Although I am not decided in my opinion on the subject, I think it would pay Canada to have this opium destroyed and paid for, instead of letting it go out to other countries. It would be most to our credit, instead of letting it be exported to some other country, because it would do injury wherever it goes.

The amendment was adopted.

Hon. Mr. McKAY (Alma) from the committee, reported the Bill with an amendment which was concurred in.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT, moved the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—It seems to me that the penalties imposed if they sell it means selling it in Canada for consumption in this country?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Yes.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I thought from the manner in which the clause is worded that that might prevent them selling it even for exportation.