

THE SENATE

Tuesday, February 15, 1927.

The Senate met at 8 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

The following newly-appointed Senators were severally introduced and took their seats:

Right Hon. George Perry Graham, of Brockville, Ontario, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. Charles Murphy.

Hon. William Henry McGuire, of Toronto, Ontario, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. Andrew Haydon.

Hon. Donat Raymond, of Montreal, Quebec, introduced by Hon. R. Dandurand and Hon. J. M. Wilson.

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 2

FIRST READING

Bill 46, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending respectively the 31st March, 1926, and the 31st March, 1927.

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: This Bill covers supplementary estimates for the years ending March 31, 1926, and March 31, 1927. The amount for the year ending in March last is \$2,727,376.35; and for the current year, expiring on the 31st of March, the amount asked is \$7,057,741.85. If there is no objection, I now move the second reading of this Bill.

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

THIRD READING

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

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

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 3

FIRST READING

Bill 58, an Act for granting to His Majesty a certain sum of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st March, 1927.

MOTION FOR SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Honourable gentlemen, this is a Bill which seeks a vote

of \$21,400,000 for the Canadian National Railways for the year terminating on March 31 next. If any explanation is asked by the Senate on this Bill, we might take the second reading to-morrow. If not, I will move the second reading now.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: Let it stand until to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: With the leave of the Senate, I move that the second reading of this Bill be taken to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

DIVORCE PETITIONS

NEW PROCEDURE

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I have the honour to present a list of applicants for divorce. We have arranged with the officers of the House and others concerned to simplify the method of procedure. Instead of presenting the petitions separately, which has become somewhat of a nuisance, we are now going to present several at one time. I think many Senators are glad of this alteration in the procedure, which is quite within the rules.

AGE LIMIT ON LIQUORS

MOTION FOR RETURN

Hon. Mr. MULHOLLAND moved:

That a humble address be presented praying
1. For a copy of all Orders in Council passed by the government during each of the years 1924, 1925 and 1926, withdrawing or releasing the two years age limit on liquors manufactured in the Dominion of Canada

2. Also for a statement showing the amount of liquors in stock at the different dates of said Orders in Council so passed, in each of the several distilleries, names and quantities of each in detail, also the amounts of excise duties paid on said liquors so released, and the quantities of said released liquors sold for beverage purposes and also for medicinal purposes, and for other purposes.

3. For a statement showing the law on imported liquors as to requirements of age for beverage purposes before being allowed entry for home consumption in Canada.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not know what this motion will entail in the work which it will impose on the Department. If it called for a stack of documents a few feet high, I might ask the honourable gentleman to repair to the Customs Department and make a selection. Sometimes an order is made which entails a formidable amount of work on the part of employees engaged specially for the purpose, and we have in some cases avoided exceptional expenditure by having the member who has asked for certain in-