

guarantee from the government that the goods, whether superior or inferior, were packed at a certain date. That is a point the law should cover and this Bill does not touch. I am not asking for any unfair advantage against the packer or the wholesaler or the retailer; I am asking for fair play for the purchaser of the goods. If hon. gentlemen had been reading the expressions of opinion on this subject, they would feel the force of what I say, and exercise their influence here on behalf of the consumers of canned goods; but, unfortunately, we are under the influence of packing houses and wholesale men. I wish to be under the influence of the people of this country, and I ask of this honourable House that the packer be required to state on each package and on the date when its contents were packed. The people of the country will exact that much from the government and parliament. I fail to see that we should be at the service of wholesalers or packers. The hon. Secretary of State says that packers are not allowed to pack inferior goods, but when I go to buy such goods I want to know when they were packed.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—May I renew my question to the leader of the House? I asked my hon. friend how it came that when the Bill was introduced into the House of Commons it did not contain this particular clause? It was not added to the Bill until it was referred to committee, and then the amendment was moved by the hon. member for Vancouver, so that the solicitude of which the hon. gentleman who has spoken relative to meeting the wishes of the wholesaler, never entered the minds of the government until after the Bill was in committee in the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The Bill was not brought to my notice until it came up to this chamber.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—The hon. senator from Calgary said a short time ago that this Act had been in force, and there was no kick against it. The Act was passed last year, and it was at the instance of the cannery men of Vancouver that this clause was put in, because they found the

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system under which they were working was stopped by the Act of 1907.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It was not done until the government introduced the Bill, and this clause was not part of the Bill as introduced.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—It was put in at the instance of the member for Vancouver. The clause was adopted.

Hon. Mr. ELLIS, from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

#### SECOND READINGS.

Bill (RR) An Act for the relief of Catharine Ann Cannon.—(Hon. Mr. Baird.)

Bill (TT) An Act respecting certain patents of the General Chemical Company.—(Hon. Mr. Kerr.)

Bill (UU) An Act for the relief of Ada Katurah Stewart Paulding.—(Hon. Mr. Derbyshire.)

Bill (VV) An Act for the relief of Mary Alexander.—(Hon. Mr. Derbyshire.)

#### THIRD READING.

Bill (II) An Act respecting the Nipissing Central Railway Company.—(Hon. Mr. McKeen.)

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday next at three o'clock.

#### THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Tuesday May 19, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### QUEBEC BRIDGE AND RAILWAY COMPANY.

##### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY inquired :

Over and above the \$45,000 paid to Mr. Hoare as chief engineer of the company by the Quebec Bridge and Railway Company of which Mr. Parent is president, has he received any other sums of money from the Transcontinental Railway Commission, of which the same Mr. Parent is President?  
How much, in each year, for the years 1904-5, 1905-6, 1906-7 and 1907-8?  
For what services?