

Mr. McMASTER: As virtue has been voting consistently with the Government, I cannot blame the gentleman who so amiably leads the House this afternoon for forgetting about the third party.

Mr. LAFORTUNE: As a farmer, Mr. Speaker, I may have a chance to go.

Mr. MORPHY (North Perth) (translation): Mr. Speaker, it is difficult for me to reply in French to the hon. member for Quebec East (Mr. Lapointe) upon the subject which he has brought before this House. The hon. member says that the people of Canada lack confidence in the present Administration. I believe that the best way to settle that question is to take a vote immediately upon the question in the House when I shall be perfectly satisfied to abide by the result.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. MAHARG: I would suggest that the hon. gentleman give us that in English so that we may have an opportunity of laughing as well.

Mr. MORPHY: I said in French that it was difficult for me to reply in French to the hon. member for Quebec East (Mr. E. Lapointe) upon the subject which he has brought before the Chamber. He says that the people of Canada have not confidence in the present Government. I believe that the best way to prove that question is to take a vote immediately upon the question in the House when I shall be perfectly satisfied with the result.

Mr. E. LAPOINTE: It is not an impartial forum.

INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

Mr. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice) moved concurrence in the Senate amendments to Bill No. 27, to amend an Act in aid of provincial legislation prohibiting the sale or use of intoxicating liquors. He said: The principal amendment consists in adding to the Bill a provision that its provisions shall not be deemed to prohibit the selling or causing to be sold, or the manufacture or importation into any province of any intoxicating liquor for sacramental or medicinal purposes, or the manufacture for commercial purposes other than the manufacture for use thereof as a beverage. The intention was never to strike at liquor except for use as a beverage.

Mr. DEVLIN: The question arose in the United States as to whether the prohibition

of the importation of intoxicating liquor for use as a beverage excluded its importation for bathing and other purposes. Can the minister express any opinion regarding the advisability or otherwise of making an exception in regard to the use of intoxicating liquor for bathing purposes?

Mr. DOHERTY: Really, I had not contemplated the bathing question. We have heard of some one having been drowned in a butt of Malmsey, but I am not aware that the question of bathing in intoxicating liquor has arisen in connection with the prohibition laws of Canada. It is a somewhat remote theory.

Motion agreed to, and Senate amendments concurred in.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

A message was delivered by Lieutenant-Colonel Ernest J. Chambers, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker:

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Chamber of the Honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to the Senate Chamber.

In the Senate Chamber, His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to give, in His Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Bills:

An Act to amend the Canada Grain Act.

An Act to amend the Militia Act.

An Act to amend the Criminal Code.

An Act to continue in force the powers of the Board of Grain Supervisors of Canada so that it may conclude its business, and to continue in force a Guarantee given by the Governor in Council with respect to the 1918 wheat crop.

An Act to amend the Royal Northwest Mounted Police Act.

An Act to amend An Act to confirm two Orders of the Governor General in Council respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System.

An Act respecting the North Empire Fire Insurance Company.

An Act for carrying into effect the Treaty of Peace between His Majesty and certain other Powers.

An Act to amend the Interpretation Act.

An Act to amend the Dominion Lands Act.

An Act respecting the Canadian Wheat Board.

An Act to permit the temporary importation, manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in Canada.

An Act to amend the Meat and Canned Foods Act.

An Act for the relief of Millie Wattlauffer.

An Act for the relief of Arthur Leroy Eastcott.

An Act to amend the Exchequer Court Act.

An Act for the relief of John Robert Stephenson Carson.