

ment by these gentlemen, and I feel strongly that there should be some well-regulated principle in regard to it.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: My honourable friend will recall the legislation which we passed, I think last session, wherein we increased the salaries of superior court judges, and wherein provision was made that the increase should be liable to taxation. That is in the Judges Act.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: There is no exemption under this clause. You say here that every one in Canada shall pay.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: You have to read it in connectin with the other law on the subject.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: The Judges Act was passed some years ago. But even so, I do not like the discrepancy between one judge and another. The judges of the court of appeal whose salaries were not increased pay no tax whatever; the other judges got an increase of \$1,000, and pay an income tax on the \$1,000 only.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: I understood that it was to be on the whole salary.

Hon. Mr. McMEANS: No. The judges of the superior court say, "Why should we pay an income tax on any portion of our salary when the judges of the court of appeal pay nothing at all?"

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I do not wish to anticipate any Bill that is coming down, but when the Judges Bill comes before us we will take that up.

The preamble was agreed to.

The title was agreed to.

The Bill was reported without amendment.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the third reading of the Bill.

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

SPECIAL WAR REVENUE BILL.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE AND REPORTED.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, the Senate went into Committee on Bill 183, an Act to amend the Special War Revenue Act, 1915. Hon. Mr. Crosby in the Chair.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: May I ask Mr. Breadner to come within the Bar?

Hon. Mr. McMEANS.

On section 1—stamp tax, bills and notes:

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: This proposes placing a stamp on notes for every \$100 or fraction thereof. At the present time a stamp of two cents is payable on each cheque, bill of exchange, and promissory note.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: This brings in everything.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Except cheques, and except three-day bills of exchange. Anything exceeding three days is taxed.

Hon. Mr. PROUDFOOT: How will paragraph d, which calls for a stamp tax on documents which contain promises to pay, affect mortgages?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Mortgages are not included. This only affects documents going through a bank.

Hon. Mr. PROUDFOOT: But banks frequently take mortgages.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: But mortgages are invariably taken as collateral, and all the stamps would be on the negotiable paper to which the mortgage was collateral.

The Hon. the CHAIRMAN: Shall section 7 be adopted?

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: I submit that the Bill before us is a matter of some importance, and it does not speak well for this legislature to be rushing it through in this manner. Some of us will not understand it, and I am asking that the Bill be read. I want you, Mr. Chairman, to read the Bill.

The CHAIRMAN: Is it the desire of the House that I should read this Bill?

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: Yes, it is. I think that is the rule of the House. My point is this, that this is very important legislation, and it is being rushed through, and nobody is understanding it. I am sure I do not understand it, and I would be very glad to do so.

The Hon. The CHAIRMAN: The motion is that the section shall be read in full.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I do not think that a motion is necessary. When an honourable member asks to have a section read I think he is entitled to have it read; I do not think it is a subject for a motion at all.

The Hon. The CHAIRMAN: All right. Now I will read section 1.