

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—I refer to the liquor permits of the North-west Territories and Yukon district, the number, to whom they were granted and the amounts and all the particulars connected with them.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—I will make the inquiry of the Minister of Interior and see that the papers are before us as soon as possible.

### THE HART DIVORCE BILL.

#### THIRD READING.

Hon. Mr. GOWAN moved the adoption of the 5th report of the Standing Committee on Divorce on Bill (A) "An Act for the relief of Robert Augustus Baldwin Hart."

He said: Two unimportant amendments have been made since the bill was introduced, one in the date and the other in the number of the children. Copies of the evidence taken before the committee were distributed yesterday and I think the House will fully approve of the action of the committee in recommending the adoption of the preamble of the bill.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. CLEMOW moved the third reading of the bill.

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

The Senate adjourned.

### THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Friday, 18th March, 1898.*

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### BILL ASSENTED TO.

A message was received from His Excellency the Governor General announcing that he would at 3.30 p.m. assent to the Bill passed by parliament at yesterday's sitting.

His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir John Campbell Hamilton-Gordon, Earl of Aberdeen; Viscount Formartine, Baron Haddo, Methlic, Tarves and Kellie, in the Peerage of Scotland; Viscount Gordon of Aberdeen, County of Aberdeen, in the Peer-

age of the United Kingdom; Baronet of Nova Scotia; Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, &c., &c., Governor General of Canada, being seated in the Chair on the Throne,

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House,—“It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House.”

Who, being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Title of the Bill to be passed, as follows:

An Act to protect Canada against the introduction of the insect pest known as the San José scale.

To this bill the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the words following:

In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to this Bill.

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

### DREDGING LEASES ON THE SASKATCHEWAN.

#### MOTION.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the Senate, a Return of all dredging leases made by the government during the last eighteen months on the Saskatchewan River and its branches, also particulars of the parties to whom made, the rental to be paid and the amount paid, the extent of work, if any, done under same, together with the official reports, if any, which induced the government to grant said leases upon the terms contained therein.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—Perhaps it might shorten the work and facilitate the bringing down of this return if the hon. gentleman did not ask for what was practically a copy of the leases. The names of the parties, the area, the amount to be paid, and the period for which the leases are to run is what the hon. gentleman really requires. If he obtains this information he would not desire copies of the leases, I suppose?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I do not require copies of the leases.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—Simply all the important particulars?