

giving any evidence to my honourable friends on the opposite side of the House that we could carry that motion. At their request I have allowed it to remain on the Table. Consequently I do expect that reciprocal courtesy will be tendered to this side of the House in assisting us with our legislation at this late period of the session.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: It seems to me that there would be really a substantial advantage for any honourable gentleman desiring to discuss the principle of the Bill in doing so when we are in Committee of the Whole, if the same latitude is allowed for moving amendments in committee as is given on the second reading. I cannot see any possibility of prejudicing in any way the wish or the purpose of any honourable gentleman who desires to discuss the principle of the Bill; and he would have the additional advantage that in committee he could speak as often as he liked, whereas on the second reading he could speak only once.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL: This is another illustration of what occurs very often. The business of the country is delayed in order to accommodate members of the Senate who desire to go home. My only point is that it is about time to put a stop to this. I have been advocating it for a good many years. It is the desire, particularly of those who live near the capital, to go home to attend to their own business, or for their own convenience, at the expense of those who have to remain here—

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: There is no place like home.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—and the sooner we put a stop to it the better. I would like to see the Government prevent this practice. If a gentleman accepts a position in this Senate let him stay here and attend to the business; or, if he desires to neglect it, let him take the consequences.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I quite agree with the honourable gentleman from Hastings (Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell). I do not think he can accuse me of not attending to the business of the Senate, and I think that if we could get honourable gentlemen to attend more closely to the work before the House, we should do better work and get along more quickly, and conditions such as that which has now arisen would not occur.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL: Then we agree for once.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: My honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Bostock) does not desire the second reading of the Bill tonight?

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I have told my honourable friend that I was specially spoken to about this Bill, and I should prefer that he would allow it to stand.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Under the circumstances I will let it stand till Monday; but after Monday we shall have morning sittings and suspend the rules. I do not propose that we shall delay the public business if we can expedite it, and I do not propose to consider the convenience of honourable gentlemen who go to their homes every week and refuse to attend here when other members are attending to the public business. I therefore hope that honourable gentlemen on the opposite side of the House will appreciate the views which I hold upon the subject and will assist me in getting the business done.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, the order was discharged and placed on the order paper for Monday next.

SUPPLY BILL NO. 3.

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved the second reading of Bill 123, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st of March, 1918.

He said: The Supply Bill now before the House consists of two schedules, "A" and "B," and contains portions only of the main and supplementary estimates brought down during the present session for the fiscal year 1917-18, amounting in the aggregate to \$56,503,089.70.

Schedule "A" is composed of seven-twelfths of that portion of the main estimates not wholly included in the two preceding appropriation Acts (excepting votes 70, 79, and 285 still standing), which passed the House of Commons on the 6th of February and the 6th of July last, and amounting to \$51,681,871.90. Schedule "B" is composed of a portion only of the supplementary estimates voted by the House of Commons during the present session, amounting to \$4,821,217.80.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Are those the supplementaries for the year 1917-18?