

## DISCUSSION IN THE SENATE.

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*Honourable Mr. Lougheed, leader of the Government in the Senate, makes a public announcement regarding superannuation and other civil service legislation.*

On April 2nd Hon. Mr. Power, a strong exponent of the principle of superannuation to achieve greater efficiency in the public service, rose in the Senate to "call attention to the mischievous delay which has occurred in dealing with the retirement of members of the public service, and ask why it is that no legislation upon the subject is to be introduced during the current session?"

Senator Power spoke at length, quoting from the report of the Senate committee on Civil Service Administration of the session of 1909-10 which was published in full in *The Civilian*.

Hon. Mr. Lougheed on behalf of the Government replied as follows:—

"The question of organizations or reorganizations of the public service has been receiving the very best attention possible at the hands of the present government, taking into consideration the many very large subjects they have had to deal with since their accession to office. As an evidence of their good faith, indicating a desire to improve the public service as far as possible, they invited Sir George Murray to come from England to report on the public service of the Dominion and, after engaging its attention some couple of months, an elaborate report has been prepared by Sir George, which was laid on the table of this House a few weeks ago, and which in due time will come before the government. The hon. member from Halifax can hardly expect during a session of parliament, such as the present session when some very large questions are requiring the best consideration of the government and particularly when parliament has been called upon to work twenty-four hours a day during part of the session, to seriously take this subject up at the expense or neglect of other equally, if not more, important subjects. I can assure my hon. friend that these subjects touching the public service are receiving the best attention of the government and as soon as they can give proper consideration to them it will be done."