

tention to the words in subsection 1 of section 34:

—or for any duty or service, whether judicial or executive, which he may hereafter be required to perform for or on behalf of the Government of Canada or the Government of any province thereof.

That is the limit. He gets no remuneration for any duty which he is called upon by the Governor in Council or the Lieutenant Governor to perform. So, by inference, any duty he is called upon by any municipal council to perform, remains as it was previously.

Hon. Mr. FOSTER: And he can be paid for it.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: He can be paid for it because this is limited to Government work.

Hon. Mr. FOSTER: It does not refer to anything else.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My honourable friend from Ottawa (Hon. Mr. Belcourt) has said that some of the judges have lost their prestige by sitting on commissions. I think that in the particular instance he mentioned the blame must be shared by the present Government, and I accuse my honourable friend the leader of the Government of not having done his duty by one of the judges who sat on those Commissions. I refer to the Canadian Northern arbitration. Sir William Meredith was made chairman after the Government had said that he should not go beyond \$10,000,000 in estimating the equity of the common stock. When from year to year, millions are asked for the purpose of meeting the deficit on operating account, the public will remember that Sir William Meredith decided the equity in the common stock to be \$10,600,000, and will laugh heartily at that decision. Everybody looked upon that as a joke.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: A costly joke.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: A costly joke. The Government has not done the right thing by that Commission. It has failed to lay before this House, at all events—and I doubt if it has laid before the other House—the report of the arbitrators. If my honourable friend will promise to bring down the report voluntarily at the opening of next session, I will not move in that direction.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Better not move under this Bill.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I will not move under this Bill.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Better put in a notice of motion.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: At all events, those three Commissioners had some standing in the community, but it has been considerably shaken. They may possibly recover it to some extent—we have an open mind in the matter—if we are informed of the reasons for their conclusion.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: They will be glad to hear that

Section 12 was agreed to.

On section 13—increases of salary not to affect annuities equal to a full salary under section 20, and said section not to apply to judges hereafter appointed:

Hon. Mr. FOSTER: Will the honourable leader please explain this section?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Under the present Act the judge has a right, after reaching a certain age limit or putting in 25 years of judicial service, to retire on his full allowance. This section proposes hereafter to do away entirely with that privilege. Furthermore, if the judge has put in the required period of service or has reached the age limit for which the Act provides, this limits his retiring allowance to the salary as it is to-day; he does not get the advantage of the increase which we have provided for in this Bill.

Hon. Mr. FOWLER: And as to the judges appointed in future?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It does away entirely with the right of a judge to retire on full allowance. Up to the present time, in the case of judges who have accepted appointments, it has been regarded as a statutory contract between the judge and the Government of Canada that he shall have the right to retire on full allowance; but hereafter that will be abolished.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Will the judge retiring after 15 years—

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: He will retire on the basis of the salary he is receiving at the time of his retirement. This does not affect the two-thirds allowance.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It affects only the full amount to which he was entitled under the Act of 1908?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes.