

SENATE FACILITATES GOVERNMENT MEASURES

Upper House Speedily Adopts War Expenditure and Other Bills.

Prompt despatch was given last night by the Senate to three of the Government's war measures.

In one hour, the upper house passed without amendment, bill authorizing the government to make bank notes legal tender, the bill empowering the Government to deal stringently with Aliens and the bill voting fifty millions for war.

The government bill from the Commons to conserve the commercial and financial interests of Canada was put through all stages and given third reading in the Senate immediately after opening.

As in the Commons there was no amendment made to the measure. Hon. Mr. Lougheed explained that it dealt entirely with the financial situation, dealing with bank notes which are made legal tender, with Dominion notes and with gold payment.

CLAIM BILL TOO LENIENT.

The War Measures Act dealing with offences against the safety of the State was given third reading, after having passed all its stages.

Senator Davis and Senator Watson held the bill was too lenient. It should provide that any person who left Canada to fight against Britain should have his property confiscated.

Senator Cloran said that the act should provide that any such person should be shot on return to Canada. It should be understood that any man, woman or child who left to fight against Britain should not be allowed to return to Canada.

Hon. Mr. Lougheed said that the statutes provided ample punishment for the offence of treason. Death could be inflicted.

The bill appropriating \$50,000,000

for military and naval defence was put through all stages after a brief discussion.

Hon. Mr. Lougheed explained that while \$50,000,000 was being voted the government did not believe that that amount would be required.

Hon. Mr. Watson asked that if in such case the balance could be used to help those in Canada who had been caused need or distress as a result of the war.

USE BALANCE FOR DEPENDENTS.

Hon. Mr. Lougheed replied that he thought such use could be made of any portion of the money which remained.

Sir Lyman Jones said that in such case he thought the appropriation was not large enough and if it was proposed to give aid to those who suffered as a consequence of war, the appropriation should be even larger.

Senator Power said that while he was willing to have any balance from this fund devoted to the relief of wives or children of volunteers who might be killed or wounded at the front, he did not think that it should be used for the relief of employees of firms who had dismissed their men from employment by reason of the situation which war had created.

The bill in regard to Dominion notes was also given third reading after Senator Lougheed explained that it provided for some increase in the amounts of unsupported notes.

The Senate adjourned until this morning.

THE OLD CURIOSITY SHOP.

A British Masterpiece Told In Motion Pictures.

In some cases we may see Dickens better than we can read him, and no pains have been spared to make the leading characters in 'Old Curiosity Shop,' so real that they can almost be felt. One can almost feel the helpless plight of Little

