

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—It should be yes or no.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I sent a note over to the minister with a copy of the hon. gentleman's remarks but have had no answer from him as yet.

PACIFIC AND YUKON RAILWAY  
NAVIGATION AND MINING  
COMPANY.

SECOND READING POSTPONED.

Hon. Mr. MILLS moved that the House adjourn.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Before that motion is put I should like to have the Orders of the Day called.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—There are no Orders for to-day.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It is certainly a clerical error. The bill that appears in my name stood for to-day.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—Is it a mistake?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It is certainly a mistake, and I ask the House to permit me to move that this bill be read a second time to-day.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—We have not had an opportunity to consider it at all.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I should like to point out to my hon. friend, and I might as well do it now as any other time, that this is a bill to incorporate the Yukon Navigation and Mining Company. My hon. friend has been pointing out to the House for some time past the urgent need of railway communication with the Yukon country. The promoter of this bill is Hamilton Smith and his associates, who are men occupying the most influential position in the financial market in Great Britain, and who are prepared to establish their bona fides before the Railway Committee of this House so soon as this bill is referred to that committee. I see no reason why this bill should stand for the consideration referred to by my hon. friend the leader of the House. By the time it reaches the committee stage my hon. friend can give it the consideration he chooses and then can represent to the committee the wisdom or unwisdom of passing it or throwing it out. I point out

to the House that this is clearly a clerical error which has arisen. It should have been set down for to-day, and I would ask to read it now.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It is down for second reading on Monday, March 21st.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—If hon. gentlemen will look at the minutes on page 92 they will see that when this bill was read the first time it was ordered to be read the "second time on Monday next," which is to-day.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I would like to ascertain, and I intend to ascertain, who is responsible for this appearing in this way on the Order paper. It seems to me a most remarkable thing that this bill, which has received considerable attention and which has been discussed throughout the whole country and condemned in no unmeasured terms by the government, and which was duly moved by me, as appears from the minutes on Thursday last when it was moved that it should be read the second time to-day that it should appear on the minutes for a week hence.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—Has it been printed?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, it was read the first time Thursday last and ordered to be read the second time on Monday next.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—Is it printed in French?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—My hon. friend surely can read his English copy of it.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I venture to make a suggestion, that as our minutes do not give the correct notice, and as the minister has expressed his desire to look at the bill, the House, I presume, would be quite satisfied to have the second reading on Wednesday next.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Say to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—The course taken by my hon. friend is altogether unprecedented, as far as my parliamentary experience is concerned, and I have been in parliament 31 years. I have, as leader of the House, asked my hon. friend not to press the bill, and my hon. friend, without any regard to my request on behalf of the government in this matter, nevertheless persists in pressing the second reading to-day. My hon. friend cannot expect to over-ride the rules of the