

case, it was declared that in some sections they were supplying flat cars to run loaded wagons on, and box-cars to take a team in, and running them to St. John, and running them to Halifax, and after the load was taken off and sold, the empty wagon was put on the flat car, and the team and the other stuff was put in the box-car and the whole carried back, perhaps forty, fifty or a hundred miles. I remember that circumstance being proven before a committee of the House. I do not know whether such things are done now or not. I cannot tell, but I have had such a sickening of government ownership of railways that I earnestly hope that we will get rid of all we have got, and I will be glad to see not another foot added to what we possess.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

On clause 3,

There may be paid for the said railway and undertaking and other property as aforesaid, out of any unappropriated moneys forming part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Is the government bound by that clause to pay that sum? It says may.

Hon. Mr. KERR (Toronto)—It is only permissive.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I hope the government will not avail itself of those powers.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—If we can get it cheaper, we shall do so.

The clause was adopted.

Hon. Mr. BAKER, from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

CUSTOMS TARIFF AMENDMENT BILL. SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of Bill (172) An Act to amend the Customs Tariff, 1897. He said: The items are in a general way a reduction of the tariff of 1897. For instance, item 22, 'paraffine wax candles, 25 per cent ad valorem,' was 30 per cent. Item 323 is amended by adding the following proviso:

Provided that for duty purposes the minimum value of an open buggy shall be \$40, and the minimum value of a covered buggy shall be \$50.

The Act of 1897 imposed an ad valorem duty of 35 per cent. That is changed to a specific duty. It appears that very cheap buggies came in from the United States and were entered at a very low figure. Clause 9 removes the duty from artificial teeth after April next. It appears large quantities are in stock in various establishments in Canada, and if they were put on the free list the importers would lose a large sum. One change, therefore, will not take place until April next. Clause 15 adds to prohibited goods the following: 'Stallions and mares of less value than fifty dollars each.' It appears in the Northwest very poor stock comes in from the United States, and the intention is to exclude them. The evil may exist in other parts of Canada, but it prevails to a greater extent in the Northwest than anywhere else.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was then read the third time, under suspension of the rule, and passed.

ALIENS LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved the second reading of Bill (162) An Act respecting Aliens. He said: This Bill provides a penalty for making false representations as to the condition of the labour market in Canada in countries outside of the Dominion. We can go into details of this Bill when it is referred to Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I see that the hon. member from Toronto is on his feet. Has he an amendment to move?

Hon. Mr. KERR (Toronto)—No, I thought the hon. gentleman was going to raise a point of order.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Not yet.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Hon. Sir GEORGE DRUMMOND—I appeal to the government to drop this Bill. It is a highly contentious measure. I hope they will postpone it until another session.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until 11 a.m. to-morrow.