

Bill which were passed by the Commons, and which by mistake were omitted when the Bill was returned to the Senate.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—How can they make an amendment without having the Bill before them? I understand the Bill is here, and the message asks us to return the Bill so as to permit them to add the amendments which they omitted to insert. They are asking us now to allow their clerk to come here and make amendments to this Bill.

The SPEAKER—The message is asking us to give leave to their clerk to add the amendments to make it accord with the amendments made by the Commons.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I understand that the Bill as it left this Chamber and went down to the Commons, has been returned here by mistake, and not the Senate Bill which was amended by the Commons.

The SPEAKER—Oh, no.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I was informed of that fact by the promoter, that by some error, the Senate Bill as sent to the Commons was returned with an amendment.

The SPEAKER—Amendments were made to the Bill which we sent to the Commons, but in the copy returned to us only one of the amendments was shown, to which we agreed. They then discovered that they had not sent all the amendments which they made, and they passed this order, that a message be sent to the Senate requesting that their honours give leave to the clerk of the House of Commons to add certain amendments which were passed by the Commons—but were omitted through a clerical error.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I do not see how that can be done. We passed the Bill. The Commons passed the Bill with an amendment which came up to us and we concurred in that amendment. My contention is that no one has anything to do with that Bill except His Excellency the Governor, who assents to it. It is a novel idea to ask that an officer may come up from the other House to insert amendments in the Bill. We do not know what the amendments are. The two Houses have con-

curred in one amendment, and we have no more to do with the Bill, nor has the House of Commons. The only thing now to be done is for the Commons to pass a Bill amending the former Bill.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—A similar incident occurred last session or the session previous to that, in regard to a government Bill which received concurrence in this House. The government found it necessary to introduce a new Bill to amend that Bill.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—It was in relation to the bounties.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—I move, seconded by the hon. Mr. Béique:

That the request of the House of Commons, as contained in their message of the seventeenth instant, to allow one of their clerks to correct errors made in the engrossing of their amendments made to Bill (TT) on the 14th inst., entitled 'An Act respecting the Montreal Bridge and Terminal Company,' be granted.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I do not take the same view as the hon. gentleman from Halifax as to the rights of the two branches of parliament in dealing with this Bill at this stage. The Bill was sent here with an amendment to which the concurrence of the Senate was asked. The concurrence was given, and an order was made that a message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint the House that the Senate have concurred in their amendment without any amendment; but the message was not sent. The Bill was and is still here.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Why?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I am stating facts. The House of Commons, noticing that they had sent but one amendment out of two or three, sent a further message and asked that their clerk have leave to add the further amendments which were passed by the Commons to this Bill. The Bill being still in our hands, His Honour the Speaker may then, if this message is concurred in, submit these further amendments for concurrence by the Senate, and then the whole Bill will be returned with a message to the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The hon. gentleman from De Lorimier leaves out of sight the fact that the Bill is here because it was a Bill

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT.