

penses which have not been collected. If the Dominion Government has been slack in doing its duty as to the collection of these moneys, that is the fault of the Dominion Government. We were told to-night that this country had guaranteed very large sums for developing the port of Quebec very properly, it may be said but that nothing has been collected. The Harbour Commissioners of Quebec are in default—so it was said without contradiction. That is another illustration of not collecting.

It is a known fact that very large amounts, I believe some millions of dollars, that were loaned in the western provinces for grain purposes, have never been paid. The Government was neglectful as to collecting interest payments. Therefore, if the Government has failed in regard to the collection of those amounts due from the Quebec Harbour Commissioners and from the western farmers in connection with their grain supply, it is not a serious default in regard to the militia who were called out for strike purposes. Why should we single out this particular case, and let others go?

I feel disposed to vote for the motion that has been made to strike out this section. I think the law as we have it is, on the whole, satisfactory enough. From my observation I do not think we would be one whit better off by putting this matter into the hands of the Attorney General of a province.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: This section is the one which enables you to call out the Militia. If you strike this out, you have no enabling section by which you can call out the Militia at all.

The proposed amendment of Hon. Smeaton White was negatived: yeas, 12; nays, 16.

Hon. Mr. PARDEE: What does the honourable gentleman from Edmonton mean by his amendment to insert in line 20 the words, "of his own motion or?"

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: I mean that the Attorney General can act on his own responsibility, upon his own idea, upon his own information, without the intervention of anybody.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: My honourable friend had better make provision for anyone acting on his behalf. I presume there would be an acting Attorney General in the absence of the Attorney General.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: The Attorney General or his deputy.

Hon. Mr. PARDEE: On his own motion, or on that of somebody acting for him.

Hon. Mr. TANNER.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: Make it, "The Attorney General or the acting Attorney General."

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes, because the responsibility is one for the Provincial Government, which acts through its Attorney General.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: It should be the Attorney General or his deputy. If the Attorney General does not personally act, he leaves himself in the hands of his deputy; there is nobody appointed as acting Attorney General.

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: I object to the word deputy, because he is an official, and the purpose of this section is to place the responsibility on the Government of the province.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Everybody must realize that if the Attorney General is absent an acting Attorney General must be there. From my experience as a provincial Minister I know that the Attorney General never left without appointing an acting Attorney General. The deputy has all the powers of the Attorney General, in every province. If the Bill is left as it is, I am sure it will be found to work out satisfactorily.

The amendment proposed by Hon. Mr. Griesbach was agreed to.

New section 81, as amended, was agreed to.

New section 82 was agreed to.

On new section 83—power to call out the Militia in other districts:

Hon. Mr. GRIESBACH: I would like to move, in amendment to this clause, a change of the word "may" to "shall" in line 31, so that it would read:

the said District Officer Commanding or other officer aforesaid shall notify the Adjutant-General.

This is the clause which meets the case mentioned by the honourable member from Welland, of a judge in a province calling out the whole permanent force of Canada. The previous clause deals with this, saying that the District Officer Commanding shall call out the Permanent Force in his district, and if he requires more troops this clause says he "may" notify the Adjutant General. I propose that the word "may" should be changed to "shall"—not that he may ask for more troops, but he shall ask for more if he needs more.

Then, passing on to line 36, it says the Adjutant General "shall" call out such of the Active Militia, etc. I propose to change that to "may," for this important reason. I do not propose that this Bill shall divest the general Government at Ottawa and the