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Companies Act. The remaining provision is to increase the payments of dividends. As I said before the paid up capital is \$300,000. There is a surplus of approximately \$2,250,000 which the company cannot pay out because of the limitation of the dividends.

The company has authorized me to state that if this bill is referred to the standing committee it will send officials to attend the meetings to answer any questions that hon. members may raise in respect of the bill.

**Mr. Peters:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the hon. gentleman would be prepared to give his undertaking that the company will give consideration to ensuring that only those boilers will be insured that are operated by properly certified engineers in keeping with the capacity and rating of each boiler?

**Mr. Nasserden:** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the hon. gentleman to explain the purpose of the provision in the bill which seeks to increase the dividend rate from 2½ per cent to 18 per cent?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member will have an opportunity when the house is in committee of the whole to ask questions about the details of the bill.

May I inform the house that if the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. Morton) speaks now he will close the debate.

**Mr. M. D. Morton (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, I have no authority to give an undertaking of the kind asked for by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters) and I suggest to the hon. gentleman that this matter be taken up in committee. In respect of the question asked by the hon. member for Rosthern (Mr. Nasserden), I would prefer that it be answered in the committee by the officials of the company thereby assuring that the hon. gentleman would receive the correct answer.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

## BALOISE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

**Mr. J. R. Taylor (Vancouver-Burrard)** moved the second reading of Bill No. S-10, respecting Baloise Fire Insurance Company of Canada.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the sole purpose of this bill is to change the name of the company to Elite Insurance Company, and in French, La Compagnie d'Assurance Elite.

All the shares in the capital stock of Baloise Fire Insurance Company of Canada, except directors' qualifying shares, have been purchased from Baloise Fire Insurance Com-

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pany Limited of Switzerland. One of the terms of the sale and purchase agreement is that the purchaser shall cause the company to change its name.

**Mr. Chevrier:** Mr. Speaker, I have no objection to this bill but I wonder why such a beautiful name as Baloise should be changed to Elite?

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

## CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

## AMENDMENT TO PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS OF INDIANS

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena)** moved the second reading of Bill No. C-13, to amend the Canada Elections Act.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this is the third occasion on which I have had the opportunity to introduce this particular bill. I would suggest that it is probably more appropriate at this particular session than it was in the other two sessions when I introduced the subject matter. Incidentally, I might say that this bill should be taken and considered in conjunction with another bill, namely Bill C-15, standing in my name, which seeks to amend another act. Both of them deal with the same subject matter, namely that Indians in Canada, as defined in the Indian Act, be given the right to vote in our federal elections without any interference with or detraction from their treaty, aboriginal or hereditary rights. It is necessary to have the two bills because reference is made to Indians and the right of these people to vote in both the Canada Elections Act and the Indian Act.

I said earlier that it was probably most fortunate that we can deal with it at this session because, as has been indicated, the standing committee on privileges and elections will consider, review and study the Canada Elections Act, which this bill seeks to amend.

There is also on the order paper a notice to establish a joint committee of this house and of the other place to study and review the Indian Act, which is coupled with this question. I would hope that it would be the desire of this house to pass this bill and immediately refer the subject matter of it to the standing committee on privileges and elections, which will be dealing with the Canada Elections Act. If it is desired, it will be perfectly all right with me if later on some one should move a motion that the bill be not now read a second time but that the subject matter thereof be referred to the standing committee on privileges and elections, in which committee an opportunity