

Hon. Mr. BAKER—Not being one of the talkers I think I can properly resent the imputation that has been cast upon members of the Senate—

Hon. Mr. WATSON—The hon. gentleman can, yes.

Hon. Mr. BAKER—who find the time too short to discuss this Bill upon its merits. There is no responsibility thrown upon anybody but the government who neglected until the last moment to bring forward this measure. They alone are responsible for it, and I say that on behalf of those gentlemen who are seeking to discuss this measure upon its merits, I resent the imputation that they are doing it against time, to talk the Bill out.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I am not a member of the government, but I would say in reply on behalf of the gentlemen who are promoting this Bill, that they could not possibly have had the information which would enable them to frame the Bill correctly, until they had the report of Judge Winchester, and clause 5 is dealing almost entirely with the report of Judge Winchester or the fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific employed United States engineers. Investigation was demanded, and the report was only handed in a few days ago, and it was not possible to frame this clause until that report was presented.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE—The trouble is caused by the Bill being presented at this late hour. I have no doubt it is all right, and I have not a word to say against it, but at this period of the session it is impossible to take it up and deal intelligently with it.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—It is quite evident that even if we want to give a cursory attention to some clauses of the Bill that at this late hour we could not do ample justice to it, and if we are obliged to accept the motion of the hon. gentleman from Bedford, there is one remark I want to make, and it is that this is not an Alien Labour Bill, but it is what we have called an omnibus Bill. There were very many things in it, some of which no one could object to and others which should be amended, but there is one special clause that was drafted in view of the disclosures that were made be-

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fore Judge Winchester, who conducted that inquiry on the employment of a number of strangers in connection with the Grand Trunk Pacific. This Bill will go over till we meet again in six months.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Before that.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Perhaps before that, and I hope that the incidents that justified the government in acting on certain lines will not be intensified by what will happen during the ensuing six months, and that public opinion will not be thus educated as it has been by the hiring of such a number of United States men as were employed, according to what we have learned from the report of Judge Winchester, on the Grand Trunk Pacific. I hope that when we come back to this chamber next session we shall find that due justice has been done to Canadian labour and Canadian skill and Canadian professional men.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—That is all we want.

Hon. Mr. DeBOUCHERVILLE—The hon. gentleman who has just spoken says the Bill has come so late that we cannot examine it, and the House has just passed a Bill involving an expenditure of three or four millions without even seeing the Bill. It seems to me very strange after passing that Bill that we should say: 'We have not had time to study this measure.' The principle of the Bill has been discussed in all the papers in the whole country and in the House much better than that Bill which voted three or four millions without our knowing what it was, and I am surprised to see that the ministers of the government in this House have been ready to accept every amendment, and some of the members on the other side have been ready to endorse the proposition that the Bill be thrown out.

Hon. Sir GEORGE DRUMMOND—I hope the committee will deal with my amendment.

The motion was agreed to, and the committee rose.

Hon. Mr. DeBOUCHERVILLE—I think I have a right to move that this Bill be referred back to the Committee of the Whole, and I make that motion.

The SPEAKER—No; I do not think so. The Bill is dead. Prorogation is to take