

HON. MR. MACINNES (Burlington)—I may also state that it requires a very large expenditure to go into this business—the erection of expensive buildings; and I believe it can be shown before the committee that no one else has commenced to manufacture this particular article. I am perfectly convinced that it would be only justice to Mr. May to give him an opportunity to prove his *bona fides*, and to show that the neglect was not his. He is entitled to go before the Standing Orders Committee, and prove under oath the allegations set forth in the preamble. If he does not prove his case to the satisfaction of the committee, of course there the matter ends, but if he shows a good case, it would be only doing justice to grant him relief.

HON. MR. DEVER—Has anybody petitioned against the passage of this Bill?

HON. MR. MACINNES—No.

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

THE RECENT ADJOURNMENT.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved that the House do now adjourn.

HON. MR. POWER—Before the House adjourns I wish to call the attention of the hon. member from Lunenburg to the fact that there has not been a vast accumulation of work from the House of Commons during our adjournment.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—But there is before us some legislation that may be defeated through the delay caused by our adjournment.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I hope no injury will result from our little junketting, and I do not think there will be any.

The motion was agreed to, and the Senate adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, April 10th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CENTRAL ONTARIO RAILWAY BILL.

REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE.

The Order of the Day having been called, "Third reading Bill (86) 'An Act respecting the Central Ontario Railway.'"

HON. MR. READ said: This Bill has been laid over in the interest of some of the original bondholders, who ask for an amendment to secure their position as it now exists, so that there will be no uncertainty about it. I beg, therefore, to move that the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be amended by inserting in the sixth line, after the word "shall," the words "continue to all the property covered by the mortgage securing such bonds." I move this with the consent of the bondholders, and they are the only parties interested. The Bill would appear to convey the idea that their bonds would cover the road to be constructed. It is only intended that the securities shall cover the road already constructed, and it is to make it definite, that there shall be no mistake about it.

HON. MR. DICKEY—It would be better if the hon. gentleman would move that the Bill be re-committed. We can hardly grasp the whole scope of this amendment on such short notice.

HON. MR. POWER—I think it would be better to adopt the course that was adopted with another Bill the other day, that is, to refer it back to the Committee, and let the Committee make the amendment.

HON. MR. MILLER—Even then, notice will have to be given; it being a private Bill no amendment can be made to it without notice.

THE SPEAKER—I think the simplest form would be for the hon. gentleman to move that the Bill be referred back to the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors.

HON. MR. READ—I will adopt that suggestion, and beg to move that the Order of the Day be discharged, and that the Bill be referred back to Committee.

The motion was agreed to, and the Order of the Day was discharged.