

HON. MR. POWER—If it does not raise a doubt as to the meaning, I have no objection to the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

On sub-section 2,—

HON. MR. KAULBACH suggested to include fog-horns.

The Bill was amended by inserting after the word "water," "and a fog-horn or trumpet."

HON. MR. VIDAL, from the committee, reported the Bill with amendments, which were concurred in.

AGRICULTURAL FERTILIZERS BILL.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (B) "An Act respecting Agricultural Fertilizers."

(In the Committee.)

HON. MR. LACOSTE explained that the object of the Bill was to render the inspection more accurate, and to give the Government better control over the sale of fertilizers.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE, from the committee, reported the Bill with an amendment, which was concurred in.

THE WELLAND CANAL INVESTIGATION.

ENQUIRY.

HON. MR. MCCALLUM resumed his speech on his enquiry as to—

What action the Government intends to take on the evidence taken before A. F. Wood, Esquire, Commissioner, as to the conduct of the officials on the Welland Canal, in the management of that important public work.

He said: The day before yesterday, when I was addressing the House on this important matter, I had reached what is called charge 5, as divided by the commissioner appointed by the Government to examine into the management of the Welland Canal. I spoke of the pontoon, and I wish now to impress on your minds the fact that this pontoon was built under an agreement with the Government by a private individual, and that the employés

of the Welland Canal who worked on that pontoon were paid by the Government at the canal office. This country paid for that work twice—to the contractor and to the men who worked on the pontoon. But I did not get at all the facts. Some of the witnesses that I wanted were away down the St. Lawrence at Cornwall. I would not like to say that they were smuggled away, although I accused people on the streets of St. Catharines of having done so. I had my own opinion, but I had no evidence to support it. There were men who had been at work on that pontoon who would have been glad to give their evidence. One man gave me his pass-book—I have it in my possession yet—showing how long he had worked there for outside parties, but when we wanted him he was away. I do not know who induced him to go; I cannot put my finger on any one. The commissioner, of course, told everybody, "You have nothing to fear; you can give evidence freely;" but, as I said to him, he was not there all the time to protect these people. This Mr. Mossop says that he got his pay while working on that pontoon as if he had been working for the Government. I will now proceed to what is called charge 6—allowing parties to be paid for work that was not performed. I said last year, when making my statement, from my place in the Senate, that it was alleged that parties were paid for work on the Welland Canal that was not performed. I had at that time letters in my hand showing that such was the case. One witness that I relied upon at that time has since died, and I was not able to call him; but I have a copy of a letter which was then in the hands of the Government and which is in my hands—a letter which was placed I presume in the possession of the commissioner during the investigation, and on which I was not permitted to take evidence. The following is the letter:—

"PORT DALHOUSIE, 10th April, 1888.

"MR. WILLIAM MOSSIP.

"Joseph Johnson came to me last summer wanting me to go and see Mr. Rykert with him respecting the discharging of his team by Miller. I being one of the committee went with him, as I could not see what the team was discharged for, only to make room for one of the most extreme Grit teams that there is in this place by the name of Wright. After a time the team was discharged and Johnson taken back. On the way to St. Catharines Mr. Johnson told me that his stepson was working on the spile-driver with one of his horses, and Miller had returned twenty dollars to the canal office more than was coming to him, saying to give it to him, the boy not knowing anything about