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Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: The railway representatives asked that the words "Or along" be inserted, and I object to that.

Mr. PELTIER: It was held over on account of Mr. Chrysler not being advised.

The CHAIRMAN: The word "along" has not been inserted in my copy.

Mr. LAWRENCE: It was my proposition to amend this section by inserting after the word "across" in the fourth line the words "Or along". Our proposition was that they should get leave from the Railway Board before doing it.

Mr. JOHNSTON, K.C.: It reads "across the railway", and the railway men say they should not be allowed to string wires along the railway.

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: You do not object to leave it to the Railway Board.

Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: We object to being obliged to get the consent of the Board for a wire that is carried alongside the railway and does not cross any part of the railway work.

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: Why do you object?

Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: Because it is unnecessary.

Hon. Mr. COCHRANE: It is a dangerous thing and should not be permitted without the consent of the Board.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: The telegraphers employed on the railways are responsible for the request, because of the fact that one of the employees lost his life by reason of a high power voltage wire being carried along on the railway telegraph poles from the public crossing at the railway station. He was electrocuted. If this provision is to be inserted in regard to high voltage wires crossing the company's wires, then it should also be inserted in reference to high voltage wires being carried along the railway.

Mr. NESBITT: It is not telephone or high power wires.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: We submit that high power voltage wires should not be carried on telegraph wires.

Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: This section includes telegraph and telephone wires.

Mr. NESBITT: I do not see that we should give the power to erect telegraph wires.

Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: If the right is confined to heat, power and electricity it is quite satisfactory.

Mr. LAWRENCE: If you do not include them all, a company may get permission of the Board to put up a high voltage wire and afterwards string telephone or telegraph wires alongside of it, which would cause just as much danger.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall section 372 be amended by adding after the word "contain" on the fourth line, the words "along or"?

Section as amended adopted.

The CHAIRMAN: Now we have to consider sections 368, 369 and 370.

Mr. JOHNSTON, K.C.: The draftsman points out that these are now the standard clauses. They are intended to avoid the necessity of having these details repeated in every special Act.

Sections adopted.

On section 391—Limitation and Defences.

Mr. CHRYSLER, K.C.: The only thing involved in this section is the one point as to whether the time limitation should be one year or two years. The request made by the Brotherhood representatives was that the time limit should be extended for two years.

The CHAIRMAN: We have passed that, Mr. Chrysler.