

is empowered to make regulations for carrying out the provisions of the law, before it comes into effect it must receive the approval of the Governor in Council. However, the former mode of conducting business, which I think was the safest, has been ignored by the present gentlemen in power, and every man who has the honour of being at the head of a department is to run the machine as he likes. That is about it.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I think I may say, as far as the present incumbent is concerned, he is extremely particular about having the approval of the Governor in Council in regard to any regulations he makes.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I have no doubt about that. I have as much confidence in the present Minister of Customs as I have in any member of the government in the practical administration of his office. I have very little confidence in any of them when it comes to a question of policy, but that is another thing altogether. But the government is legislating for a man in whom they might not have the same confidence that they have in the present incumbent. I would have no hesitation in placing confidence in Mr. Paterson in a matter of this kind, but in putting a law on the statute-book, it should be such as to cover any man who might occupy that position, and to prevent the possibility of wrong being done.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (P.E.I.)—I fear the passage of this Bill will be a considerable disappointment to the people in our province, for the reason they were led to expect a bounty was to be given for the growth and production of beet for the manufacture of sugar. I have been informed that a gentleman, who professed to be an agent of the party now in power, went throughout the province of Prince Edward Island during the past year and induced a number of the farmers to go into the production of beets for the purpose of this manufacture, and encouraged them to do so by stating that the government was about to grant a bounty for the production of beets for the manufacture of sugar. I do not like to charge the government with having sent that gentleman around the province, but he professed to have some authority from the government to make that statement to

the people to induce them to go into this business. I fear, too, that the manufacture of beet-root sugar in the province of Prince Edward Island would not prove a success. It has been tried to a considerable extent in the province of Quebec, and I believe proved a failure there. The reports given by this gentleman were of a very different character from that, and I fear the experiment would result in the same way in Prince Edward Island—that the growth of the beets would not prove a paying speculation for the farmers. It would be unwise to give up what is now a very much better system of agriculture than the raising of beets.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I beg to assure my hon. friend that no one was ever authorized by the present government to hold out any hope whatever that it was intended to grant a bounty on beet-root sugar. The experience of former years in Quebec and elsewhere convinced them that it should not be done.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—The people of Prince Edward Island could console themselves, if they were disappointed in that, by the fact that their subsidy is considerably increased.

The motion was agreed to.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

On the first clause,

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (P.E.I.)—Is it known where this factory is to be erected? Is there any particular province for which it is designed?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No; anywhere in the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (P.E.I.)—It is a general Bill?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Yes.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (P.E.I.)—I understood it was for some particular factory to be located in some particular province.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, it applies generally to the Dominion. It can be brought in any place.

The clause was adopted.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN, from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed under a suspension of the rules.