

I was called upon to do so, to introduce a consolidated Act, but I wanted first to see how the present amendments would commend themselves to parliament and perhaps also to see how the matter would work. We may require to go a good deal further than I propose to go in this measure, as the hon. gentleman will see. We are now endeavouring to go through with a certain number of amendments, which appear to have been agreed to pretty much by all parties; but there are a great many others more or less of a contentious character, or at least more or less ones that would be disputed, which we will have to consider a little later. I have no doubt in another session I will have to do as the hon. gentleman suggests, and bring down a consolidating Act.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I do not desire to be understood as suggesting the withdrawal of this measure and to have a consolidation of the grain laws at present. I merely throw out the hint for future action; but I might say in addition to that, if the whole law were consolidated, the amendments which were proposed to be made to the Bill and any further amendments could be dealt with just as well with that measure, and when it was completed you would have a consolidated measure.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—Quite true. I am very much of my hon. friend's opinion.

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

It being six o'clock the Speaker left the chair.

After Recess.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND ST. LAWRENCE SHIP CANAL COMPANY'S BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT moved the second reading of Bill (SS) An Act respecting the Lake Champlain and St. Lawrence Ship Canal Company.

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

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT moved that the Bill be referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT.

ACTING-SPEAKER (Hon. Mr. Power)—I call the attention of the hon. gentleman to the fact that this Bill should be referred to the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours. It is moved by the hon. gentleman from Ottawa—

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The hon. gentleman from Ottawa has moved that this Bill be referred to the Private Bills Committee. If he has made a mistake he should correct it himself.

Hon. Mr. WILSON—The hon. gentleman is out of order in rising to speak while the chair is putting the motion.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The hon. gentleman from Ottawa moved a reference of this Bill to the Private Bills Committee, and the chair undertakes to refer it to the Railway Committee. I want to know who has the right to say what shall be moved?

ACTING-SPEAKER—I think it was my duty as Speaker to direct the attention of the hon. member from Ottawa to the fact that this was a Bill which properly should go to the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours. I understood the hon. senator from Ottawa to accept my suggestion; and I think the hon. gentleman from Ottawa and the Speaker are quite able to keep themselves right without any help from the hon. member from Victoria.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Before making my remarks—

Hon. GENTLEMEN—Order, order.

ACTING-SPEAKER—I shall call on the Sergeant at Arms to take the hon. gentleman in charge if he persists.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I question that point of order and—

ACTING-SPEAKER—Order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I rise to a point of order.

ACTING-SPEAKER—What is the point of order?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The point of order is this, that an hon. senator in this House proposing a Bill asked the honourable Chair to send it to the Committee on Private Bills.