

other amendment is returning the Bill with the amendment, which was in the first report, renewed; that is to say, the amendment which related to the circumstances under which this company could take any step at all, and which prevented them from taking any step in carrying out the undertaking until after they had made an agreement with the competing company. Under these circumstances, the Bill is in a position that I can ask the House to concur in the amendments. I therefore move that they be concurred in.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time, as amended, and passed.

DISMISSAL OF JOHN WIGGINS.

ENQUIRY.

HON. MR. McINNES (B.C.) enquired of the Government:—

Why was John Wiggins, of New Westminster, B.C., and lately employed in the British Columbia Penitentiary, dismissed; and what is the amount, if any, still due him in respect of such employment?

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I have to inform my hon. friend that the cause of the dismissal of this man Wiggins is somewhat complicated, and arises out of papers which he was going to move for to-morrow, and I think it would be better to leave the explanation of that cause until after those papers come down, which will be soon after they are moved for. As to the money due him, there is a small sum, the exact amount of which the Department does not know. That was offered to him but was refused.

CENTRAL ONTARIO RAILWAY BILL.

THIRD READING POSTPONED.

The Order of the Day having been called, Third reading Bill (87) "An Act respecting the Central Ontario Railway."

HON. MR. READ said: There is an amendment to be proposed to this Bill on the third reading, and as I have no authority from the promoters to accept of an amendment, I wish to have time to consult them as to what I shall do.

HON. MR. VIDAI—There is no notice given of any amendment.

HON. MR. READ—No; but I understand that the leader of the House proposes to move some amendment.

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

THE ADULTERATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THIRD READING.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (9) "An Act further to amend the Adulteration Act, Cap. 107 of the Revised Statutes."

(In the Committee.)

On the 11th section,—

HON. MR. ABBOTT—With reference to the question which my hon. friend opposite (Mr. Pâquet) put to me, as to the standard for milk, the matter has formed the subject of a good deal of consideration with the Minister, and the conclusion that he has come to is this: That it would be difficult, perhaps impossible, advantageously to fix one standard for milk. It is necessary that milk for manufacturing purposes should possess a certain percentage of fatty matter, but it is not absolutely essential for domestic uses that it should be as rich as it must be for manufacturing purposes, and the present intention is to have, under clause 8 of this Bill, two standards for milk—one which will form the minimum standard for milk to be used for manufacturing purposes, and the other to form a minimum standard for milk to be used for domestic purposes. It would gratify the Minister very much if gentlemen like my hon. friend opposite, who have given their attention to this subject, would favor him with their views about it. It is a new subject, and it is one of very grave importance indeed from many points of view, and we are extremely anxious that it should be dealt with as it ought to be, and if my hon. friend would favor the Minister with his views, either by sending him a memo. or by seeing him, it would gratify us very much.

The clause was agreed to.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved that the committee rise and report the Bill without amendment.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—Before the committee rises I may say that I am fully alive to the importance of having a standard for milk. I recently read in an English