

be fixed by Order in Council, and shall also be constructed according to descriptions and specifications and upon conditions to be approved by the Governor in Council, on the report of the Minister of Railways and Canals, and specified in an agreement to be made in each case by the company with the Government, which agreement the Government is hereby empowered to make; the location also of every such line of railway shall be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

3. Resolved, That the granting of such subsidies respectively shall be subject to such conditions for securing such running powers or traffic arrangements and other rights as will afford all reasonable facilities and equal mileage rates to all railways connecting with those so subsidized, as the Governor in Council determines.

4. Resolved, That the said subsidies respectively shall be payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, by instalments, on the completion of each section of the railway of not less than 10 miles, proportionate to the value of the portion so completed in comparison with that of the whole work undertaken, to be established by the report of the said Minister, or upon the completion of the work subsidized.

Mr. Haggart moved, That the said Resolutions be now read the second time.

Mr. Laurier moved in amendment thereto, That the said Resolutions be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole in order to amend the same as follows:—

“That within four days after the opening of each session, the Minister of Railways shall lay upon the Table of the House, copies of all agreements made by any of the companies with the Government together with a statement of all payments made by the Government up to date, for subsidies earned by any of the said companies, and the Orders in Council authorizing such payments.

That within a month after the payment to any company of any portion of the subsidies, the president and manager of said company shall furnish to the Auditor General a statement under oath showing if the whole of the subsidies so paid to the company have been applied in the manner herein intended, and that a similar statement shall be supplied by every contractor of the company who is to receive or has received the payment out of any such subsidies or out of the proceeds thereof, and that, within four days after the opening of each session, the Auditor General shall lay all such statements upon the Table of the House.

That all such documents thus laid upon the Table of the House shall be referred to the Committee on Public Accounts to be by them investigated in the same manner as the Public Accounts.

That every officer and director of the said companies and every person having a contract with any of the companies for the performance of any work, the doing of anything, or the furnishing of any goods, effects, or materials, and having or expecting to have any claim or demand against the company by reason of such contract, who either directly or indirectly, by himself or by any person on his behalf, subscribes, furnishes or gives, or promises to subscribe, furnish or give, any money or other valuable consideration for the purpose of promoting the election of any candidate to a Legislature or to Parliament, or with the intent in any way of influencing or affecting the result of a Provincial or Dominion election,—is guilty of a misdemeanour and liable to a fine of not less than one hundred dollars and not exceeding one thousand dollars; unless the value of the amount or thing paid, offered, given, loaned, promised, received or subscribed, as the case may be, exceed the last mentioned sum, in which case the fine may be raised to a sum not exceeding such value, and also to a term of imprisonment not exceeding one year and not less than one month, and in default of payment of such fine, to imprisonment for a further term not exceeding six months.”

And the question being put on the proposed amendment; it was negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Allan,
Bain (*Wentworth*),
Beausoleil,

Delisle,
Devlin,
Geoffrion,

Mignault,
Mills (*Bothwell*),
Mulock,