

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Shelburne and Queen's): Mr. Speaker, I would like to support the motion of my hon. friend from Kamouraska (Mr. Lapointe), so eloquently supported by my hon. friend from St. Denis (Mr. Verville), but logically I fail to see any good reason for it. I sympathize heartily with the argument that labour ought to be represented on this Board. I hope the Government will keep that in mind and see that labour is represented on the Board, and, if it be possible, labour connected with the railway itself. But there are other classes also that we would like to see represented on the Board, and I do not think it is wise to select one particular class and dictate as to their appointment. For example the hon. member for Quebec South (Mr. Power) suggested—and I like the suggestion—that among the returned soldiers of the engineer corps, there are a number of very capable men and that it might be desirable that one of this class might be found to go on the board. There is not only the consideration that we would have the benefit of his skill as an engineer, but the fact that he is a returned soldier means a good deal to us all. But I do not think that you should put it in an Act of Parliament that there must be one. This board ought to represent different interests in the community and if the Government do not see that all legitimate interests are represented, that will be a grievance for which we have a right to call them to account. But I must say that I do not see the logic of saying that as respects one particular section, we will put that in the Bill, but as respects all other elements we will not say anything about them at all. I do not think that is reasonable. I sympathize warmly with the argument that labour ought to be represented on the board, and if the Government fail to provide in some way or other for the representation of labour on that board it will be pursuing a course for which at a later stage it should be called to account in Parliament.

The House divided on the amendment of Mr. Ernest Lapointe, which was negatived on the following division:

YEAS:

Messrs.

Archambault	Casgrain,
Boivin,	Chisholm,
Bourassa,	Copp,
Boyer,	d'Anjou,
Brouillard,	Déchène,
Bureau,	Delisle,
Cahill,	Demers,

Denis,
Desaulniers,
Deslauriers,
Duff,
Ethier,
Fafard,
Fontaine,
Fortier,
Fournier,
Gauthier,
Gervais,
Hunt,
Jacobs,
Kay,
Lafortune,
Lancôt,
Lavigueur,
Leduc,
Leger,
Lemieux,
McCrea,
McGibbon (Argenteuil),
McKenzie,
McMaster,

Marcile (Bagot),
Mayrand,
Michaud,
Murphy,
Pacaud,
Papineau,
Parent,
Pedlow,
Pelletier,
Power,
Prevost,
Proulx,
Robb,
Savard,
Seguin,
Sinclair
(Queens, P.E.I.),
Tobin,
Trahan,
Truax,
Turgeon,
Verville,
White (Victoria),
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NAYS.

Messrs.

Ames (Sir Herbert),	Griesbach,
Anderson,	Guthrie,
Andrews,	Halladay,
Argue,	Harold,
Armstrong (Lambton),	Hartt,
Arthurs,	Hay,
Ballantyne,	Henders,
Ball,	Hocken,
Blair,	Hughes (Sir Sam),
Blake,	Johnston,
Bolton,	Keefer,
Bowman,	Knox,
Boyce,	Lalor,
Boys,	Lang,
Brien,	Loggie,
Buchanan,	Long,
Burrell,	Mackie (Renfrew),
Butts,	Maclean (Halifax),
Calder,	McGibbon (Muskoka),
Campbell,	McGregor,
Carvell,	McIntosh,
Casselman,	McIsaac,
Chaplin,	McLean (Royal),
Charters,	McLeod,
Clark (Bruce),	Maharg,
Clark (Red Deer),	Manion,
Clements,	Martin,
Cochrane,	Meighen,
Cockshutt,	Mewburn,
Cooper,	Middlebro,
Cowan,	Morphy,
Crerar,	Mowat,
Cronyn,	Munson,
Crothers,	Myers,
Crowe,	Nesbitt,
Cruise,	Nicholson
Davidson,	(Queens, P.E.I.),
Davis,	Nicholson (Algoma),
Douglas	Nickle,
(Strathcona),	Paul,
Douglas (Cape Breton	Redman,
S. & Rich.),	Reid (Grenville),
Edwards,	Reid (Mackenzie),
Elkin,	Richardson,
Fielding,	Rowell,
Finley,	Sexsmith,
Foster (York),	Shaw,
Glass,	Simpson,
Green,	Steele,