

we are about to stultify ourselves this evening. I think we are putting on record something which at a future day will not be very creditable to us as parliamentarians.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—If our course is properly understood, I do not see that we shall be found open to the objection of my hon. friend, because the object of the motion in sub-amendment was to place on the records of the House the reason why we negatived the motion of my hon. friend from Delanaudière. I know of no other way in which we could have done it than the way we adopted, and if by a formal motion we can make that harmonize with the rules of the House, I do not see in what respect we are to be reproached or why we should be found fault with

The motion for the adoption of the amendment as amended was agreed to.

THE SPEAKER—Is it your pleasure that the main motion as amended be adopted?

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—What is the main motion as amended?

THE SPEAKER—The main motion for the third reading of the Bill as amended by the amendment of the hon. member for Amherst to the amendment of the hon. member for Delanaudière and the consequence of its adoption will be that the third reading of the Bill will be for the present dropped. Then the hon. leader of the House can make a motion, which will be perfectly in order, that the Bill be replaced on the Orders of the Day.

The main motion, as amended, was adopted.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—For the purpose of replacing the Bill on the Order Paper, and proceeding with the business of the day, I move that the Bill intituled, "An Act to amend the Act respecting the North-West Territories" be now replaced on the Order Paper for its third reading as the next Order of this day.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I believe I might take exception to that, because that motion was not in order. I will not do so, however, because it is near the end of the Session, and I want to be more liberal than

the House was towards me before recess. The House has put itself in such a position that it can hardly come out of it without a breach of the Rules; because what is done now presently is certainly not in order.

THE SPEAKER—It is of course clearly laid down that in the case of all motions deemed special it is necessary that there should be a day's notice—the object, in such cases, as hon. gentlemen are no doubt aware, of having one day's notice, being to prevent the House being taken by surprise. But it is entirely different in the case of Bills: no notice is required, even for the introduction and first reading of a public Bill in the Senate; and I find also a case which occurred in the Senate where a private Bill was referred to the Supreme Court for an opinion as to whether it came within the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, and the order, by the reference, having disappeared from the Order Paper, it was afterwards replaced on the Order Paper without notice. I think the leader of the House is perfectly within his right in making the motion which is now before the House.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—Did you rule that the amendment to the amendment, which is a preamble, is in order?

HON. MR. LACOSTE—You did not take objection to that at the proper time.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I did raise that objection.

HON. MR. LACOSTE—I did not hear it.

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—I did make the objection, and if the discussion is fully reported my objection will appear.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the third reading of the Bill.

HON. MR. POWER—I am sorry to prolong this interesting discussion. I do not rise for the purpose of quarrelling with his honor's decision on the question of order, but simply to express the view which I took of the question myself. It is based simply on common sense. I assume that the decision of the Speaker is wiser than the one I have come to. My view of the matter is this: That the substance of the amendment of the hon. gentleman from Delanaudière was that the Bill be not read