

capturing votes at the next general election. I shall not follow him any further in the remarks which he made upon the war and the conditions under which his confrères in Quebec enlisted for active service at the front. To me, a young member of the House perhaps not just as well matured in partisan and political bitterness as some others who have been longer in public life, there has been in this debate one thing very gratifying and very pleasing and encouraging, that is, the evidence that there are times in Canadian public life when the parties on the floor of this House, representing the two great parties in this country, can see as one on certain great public issues that arise. It is most pleasing to myself to know that in this country there is but one opinion as to what Canada's duty and the duty of the public men of Canada should be during the present crisis—that that duty is to give every dollar available and every willing man available to the service of the Empire, so long as they should be needed, to uphold the dignity and prestige of Great Britain.

On motion of Mr. Carroll the debate was adjourned.

On motion of the Hon. W. T. White, the House adjourned at 11.40 p.m.

Monday, March 15, 1915.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

VANCOUVER TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. NORTHROP: A few days ago a report was received from the Railway Committee to the effect that the preamble of Bill No. 55, to incorporate the Vancouver Terminal Railway Company, had not been proved. The Bill had been opposed by the hon. member for Vancouver (Mr. Stevens), and the counsel for the city of Vancouver had objected to the word "Vancouver" being included in the Bill. I understand that an arrangement has been come to under which the promoters agree that the word "Vancouver" shall be excluded from the Bill. In order that the Bill may be referred back to the committee, to be considered upon its merits, I beg to move:

That that portion of the seventh report of the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines reporting the preamble of Bill No. 55, an Act to incorporate Vancouver Terminal Railway Company, as not

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proven, be referred back to the said committee for further consideration.

Mr. STEVENS: The statement has been made that I entered into an arrangement on behalf of the city of Vancouver whereby it should be agreed that this Bill be referred back to the committee. I wish to state that this is not the case. I made no such arrangement. I was asked if I would move that it be referred back or would agree that this course be taken, but I did not agree either to make the motion or to consent to its being made. I want to make my position in the matter perfectly clear; I accept no responsibility in that respect.

Mr. LANCASTER: I suppose it is clearly understood that it is still open to the Railway Committee to reject this Bill if they think it is not a proper Bill; otherwise I should ask the House to vote down the motion. There were other objections to the Bill than those mentioned by the hon. gentleman who makes this motion. As Chairman of the Railway Committee, I do not wish to oppose a re-hearing of this Bill if the House thinks it should be referred back to the committee, but I wish it to be understood that if the committee sees fit to reject the Bill it shall not be hampered by this action of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: According to the wording of the motion, the matter is left entirely to the judgment of the committee. The motion proposes that the Bill be simply referred back to the committee for further consideration; it is unaccompanied by instructions.

Motion agreed to.

TRANSFER OF BRITISH SHIPS.

On the Orders of the Day being called:

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I wish to call the attention of the Government to a statement which appears in the press to-day, namely, that an Order in Council has been passed effecting the transfer of British ships to persons not qualified for such ownership. Has any such Order in Council been passed?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: My recollection is that there was an Order in Council on the subject, passed in practically the same form as that which has been adopted in Great Britain. Any action taken was so taken in consequence of representations made to us by the Imperial Government, if my memory serves me correctly, as I think it does.