

(V) "An Act to amend the Acts respecting the North-West Territories."

HON. MR. BELLEROSE said: I do not rise to move the motion of which I have given notice, because I knew when I gave it that it was not in order. I put the notice on the Paper for two reasons—first, to let the House know that I would move it, as generally these Bills are pushed through in a day or two; and second, because I wished to ask the House, as this is an exceptional case, to let me move it. I am not at this moment ready to do so, but I rise to speak to the motion to go into Committee of the Whole.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I was about to say that I am not prepared to take up this Bill to-day.

THE SPEAKER—I wish to call the attention of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bellerose) to the fact that his motion is out of order. His motion is, that when the Order is called for the House to go into Committee of the Whole on this Bill he will move that it be an instruction to the committee to amend the Bill by striking out a certain paragraph. Of course that would necessitate his making his motion when the Order is called, but I would submit that it is simply an amendment. It is very clearly laid down that an instruction is only given to a committee to confer on it a power which it would not have without such instruction, and if the subject-matter is relevant to the scope of the Bill then such instruction is irregular.

HON. MR. BELLROSE—That is why I said I would not move it, because I saw by some authorities which I looked into that it was not in order; but, as I have explained, my intention was to speak to the motion to go into Committee of the Whole, because then the Speaker would be in the Chair. I know that on such a question as that I could not enter into details, but I could speak of the subject of the Bill. There are five or six subjects in the Bill which can only be spoken of separately. However, as the leader of the House says that he will not go on with the Bill to-day, I have no right to dwell on the subject any longer.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—There are some amendments talked of which I think it

important to consider, that have only been brought under my notice within half an hour of the meeting of the House. I therefore move that the Order of the Day be discharged, and that it be fixed for tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to.

EXCHEQUER COURT ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the second reading of Bill (129) "An Act to amend 'The Exchequer Court Act.'" He said: This is a Bill simply to grant an appeal from the Exchequer Court to the Supreme Court, or rather to remove doubts on that point.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (121) "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Dominion Mineral Company." (Mr. MacInnes.)

Bill (40) "An Act to incorporate the National Construction Company." (Mr. Kaulbach.)

Bill (39) "An Act to incorporate the York County Bank." (Mr. Vidal.)

Bill (128) "An Act respecting the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company." (Mr. Reid.)

Bill (37) "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Imperial Trusts Company of Canada." (Mr. Clemow.)

Bill (92) "An Act respecting the Napanee, Tamworth and Quebec Railway Company, and to change the name of the Company to 'The Kingston, Napanee and Western Railway Company.'" (Mr. Read.)

Bill (97) "An Act to incorporate the Montreal Bridge Company." (Mr. Guévremont.)

Bill (35) "An Act to incorporate the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company." (Mr. Perley.)

Bill (63) "An Act to incorporate the Home Life Association of Canada." (Mr. McMillan.)

The Senate adjourned at 5 p.m.