

The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the motion for the second reading of Bill (D) intituled: "An Act for the incorporation of Railway Companies."

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Power, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Ellis, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged from the Orders of the Day.

A Message was brought from the House of Commons by their Clerk in the following words:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS,

WEDNESDAY, 4th May, 1910.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their Honours that this House has appointed Messrs. Graham, Pugsley and Taylor (Leeds), to act on behalf of the House of Commons at a free conference of both Houses to consider the Bill No. 17, "An Act to authorize the Government to acquire by lease, lines of railway connecting with the Government Railways," and any amendments which at such conference, it may be desirable to make thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House do carry the said Message to the Senate.

Attest,

THOS. B. FLINT,

*Clerk of the Commons.*

His Honour the Speaker informed the Senate that the Managers for the House of Commons for a free conference on the Bill (17) intituled "An Act to authorize the Government of Canada to acquire, by lease, lines of railway connecting with the Government Railways," were waiting in his Chambers.

The names of the managers for the Senate were then called, whereupon their Honours proceeded to the place of conference.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the managers returned, and

The Senate resumed.

The Honourable Mr. Béique presented the following Report:—

MR. SPEAKER'S CHAMBERS,

WEDNESDAY, 4th May, 1910.

The Managers on the part of the Senate have the honour to report that they have met the Managers on the part of the House of Commons to a free Conference, for the purpose of further considering the amendments to the Bill No. 17, An Act to authorize the Government of Canada to acquire, by lease, lines of railway connecting with the Government Railways.

The Managers on the part of the Senate did not insist on the Senate amendment, but agreed that the following be substituted therefor:—

"Add to section 3 the following as subsection 2.

"2. The said Board shall in their report to the Minister recommending the lease of any line of railway—

"(a) give their estimate of the cost of such line, and such information as they are able to give to the monies received by the company owning the line from the sale of bonds or by way of bonuses or otherwise;

"(b) state the then present equipment of the road, together with the average rate of freight and charges for passengers on the same and a comparison of such rates with those charged on the Intercolonial Railway;

"c) the total receipts and expenditures for three years last past;

"(d) an estimate of future receipts and expenditures in the event of the road being leased as a branch of the Intercolonial Railway."

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. L. BEIQUE,

*Chairman.*