

HON. MR. DEVER—There are many men who may call themselves missionaries, and may be at the same time unworthy people, and there should be some check on them.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—If the committee will pass the clause as it stands I will not ask the House to give the Bill the third reading to-day until I consult with my colleagues.

HON. MR. MACDONALD, from the committee, reported the Bill with certain amendments, which were concurred in.

ELECTORAL FRANCHISE BILL.

REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (136) "An Act further to amend the Revised Statutes, Chapter 5, respecting the Electoral Franchise."

(In the Committee.)

On clause 2,—

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved to amend section 9 by striking out "North-West" and substituting therefor "Western."

HON. MR. MILLER—There is no such place yet as the Western Territories of Canada.

HON. MR. POWER—If the other Bill that passed this House this Session does not become law the objection will be good.

HON. MR. MILLER—Even though it does pass, that part of Canada is now known as the North-West Territories, and therefore should be referred to in this Bill as such. Of course, after the other Bill passes what is now known as the North-West Territories will be known as the Western Territories of Canada.

HON. MR. DICKEY—A general provision in a few words in the other Bill, saying that wherever the expression North-West Territories occurs in the Statutes it would mean the Western Territories would have been sufficient.

HON. MR. MILLER—I think the words "North-West Territories" should be used until the other Bill becomes law.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I would not be surprised if my friend's opinion were right.

HON. MR. POWER—These Bills will all be assented to by the Governor General on the same day. A statute is regarded as beginning from the day it is assented to, and as the two Acts will go into operation on the same day, the reference to the Territories as the Western Territories will be perfectly correct.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I shall make up my mind about it between now and the third reading of the Bill, and suggest to the House the mode that I propose to follow with regard to the subject. If necessary, the Bill can be altered at the third reading.

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE, from the committee, reported the Bill, with amendments, which were concurred in.

The Senate adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, May 6th, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE GREAT MACKENZIE BASIN

MOTION.

HON. MR. GIRARD moved :

That in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived to organize that north-western part of the Dominion known as the Great Mackenzie Basin, and the attention of the Government is specially called to the necessity for adopting a scheme for the better protection of its people, its valuable mines, fisheries and hunting grounds.

He said : I have some hesitation in appearing before the Senate with a question of this importance, at this late period of the Session ; but on looking at our Order Paper to-day I may be excused for calling the attention of hon. gentlemen to the important subject which I have the honor to lay before the House, when there are so few Orders before us for consideration. We are called here as members of Parliament, not only to assist in the legislation of the country, but to suggest to our rulers means by which this Dominion of ours can be made to appear to more advan-