

are doing wrong in having any discussion of these matters, I suggest to him that he have the Rules of the House amended to provide that it shall not be necessary to submit Bills to the consideration of the Committee of the Whole House; that they shall be passed at the pleasure and upon the dictum of the Government. In this way a great deal of time would be saved, and the will of the Government could be carried out to the satisfaction of my hon. friend.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: There is no doubt that time would be saved.

Mr. PUGSLEY: The minister should take that suggestion into consideration.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: The Committee of the Whole has its uses, and the member for St. John is able, as well as any member of the House, to bear an important and useful part in debate—when that is his object. Whether that was his object this afternoon when he was splitting hairs over the definition of the words “charities” and “fund,” I leave to his own good judgment and to the judgment of the committee. Personally, I have no objection to any remarks that the hon. gentleman may make in regard to the Bill, but I do think a large portion of the afternoon was wasted in discussing matters that were not in the essence, so far as the Bill is concerned. On the other hand, some suggestions were made that are well worthy of consideration.

Mr. McKENZIE: Do I understand that section 2 is to stand, subject to the introduction of certain amendments?

Sir THOMAS WHITE: Subject to consideration.

Mr. McKENZIE: And some amendment is to be introduced, I understand?

Sir THOMAS WHITE: Possibly.

Mr. McKENZIE: Then my hon. friend must have profited by the discussion this afternoon.

Section stands.

Progress reported.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

After Recess.

The House resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS.

IMPERIAL ORDER DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE AND THE CHILDREN OF THE EMPIRE (JUNIOR BRANCH).

The House resumed consideration of the message from the Senate disagreeing to the

second amendment made by the House of Commons to Bill No. 95, to incorporate the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and the Children of the Empire (Junior Branch).—Mr. Steele.

Mr. STEELE: Perhaps a word of explanation regarding this Bill may be in order at the present time and necessary for a proper understanding of the situation. When this Bill first came before the Private Bills Committee we inserted in it an amendment such as we have, during the last two years, been putting into all similar Bills, an amendment calling for the taking over of all the property, assets, etc., of the former association or society before the new incorporation, which will supplant the old one, shall be allowed to do business. When the Bill went back to the Senate with that amendment and another included, the Senate refused to concur in the amendment. When the Bill came back to the House, the House referred it again to the Private Bills Committee. We deemed it of so much importance that we thought well to endeavour if possible to satisfy the Senate that this amendment was essential. I may point out that a similar clause is inserted in all charters issued under the Company's Act. After some consideration we adopted an amendment of the amendment which we believe and know is satisfactory to the promoters of the Bill and also to the Senate. I therefore move:

That this House doth insist on its second amendment to the Bill No. 95 (Letter C-2 of the Senate), intitled: “An Act to incorporate the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and the Children of the Empire (Junior Branch),” for the reason: “That it is essential to provide that the provincial society, as such, shall cease to carry on its affairs when and so soon as this Bill becomes effective”; and doth amend the said amendment by inserting after the words “society,” where it occurs the first time, the words “but nothing herein shall be deemed in any way to affect the rights in respect of any property, real or personal, of which any primary, municipal or provincial chapter may be possessed at the date of this Act,” for the reason: “That it is desirable to avoid the possibility of any rights, as to property held by, or in trust for any of the subsidiary chapters being affected.”

And that a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint their honours therewith.

Mr. McCRAVEY: Is the whole of the section which has been rejected by the Senate incorporated in the motion just moved?

Mr. STEELE: Yes, the whole amendment as we originally put it in the Bill is still in the Bill, but we amended it to clear up an objection of some of the members of the Daughters of the Empire representing local chapters. They thought the or-