

Private Bills

them as citizens of Canada. Knowing the Indians as I do I am convinced they have the character and attributes which will permit them to become assimilated in our society. They will become citizens of whom we shall be proud, and I hope they can be proud of what we do to help them.

Mr. Montgomery: I have one question on this item. I notice the amount is \$4,500, which is divided into \$2,000 for additional travelling expenses and \$2,500 for additional telephone and telegraph costs. I also note that in the estimates for last year this item was increased by a substantial amount which means that \$4,000 more is required this year for telephone and telegraph items than was the case last year, and an additional \$2,500 is required for travelling expenses. I also note there has been a small increase in the number of people on the departmental administrative staff. I would like to know if this small increase is because of the extra travelling expenses and the cost of telegrams and telephones. Perhaps the minister could offer us an explanation.

Mr. Pickersgill: As a matter of fact, as far as travelling expenses are concerned there is an unanticipated increase in the amount of travelling done by the people in the administrative branch because there has been the gradual establishment of an inspection service.

As for the telegraph and telephone service, the former minister was a minister for this province where the parliament buildings are, and I am minister for a province which is fairly remote. The cost of telephone and telegraph service is therefore considerably higher. In my capacity as the minister for Newfoundland I think I am somewhat more extravagant in the use of the telephone and telegraph services than was the previous minister, and I think a certain amount of the blame for the increase in this service falls on me because I represent a geographically remote province.

Item agreed to.

The Chairman: It being five o'clock, the house will proceed to the consideration of private and public bills.

PRIVATE BILLS

LONDON AND PORT STANLEY RAILWAY COMPANY

Mr. J. A. Charlton (for Mr. Mitchell, London) moved that the house go into committee to consider Bill No. 193, respecting the London and Port Stanley Railway Company and the corporation of the city of London.

[Mr. McCullough (Moose Mountain).]

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

Clauses 1 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

BONAVENTURE AND GASPE TELEPHONE COMPANY
LIMITED

Mr. Bona Arsenault (Bonaventure) moved that the house go into committee to consider Bill No. 232, respecting the Bonaventure and Gaspé Telephone Company Limited.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Robinson (Simcoe East) in the chair.

Clause 1 agreed to.

On clause 2—*Power to increase capital.*

Mr. Green: Mr. Chairman, two amendments were made to clause 2. I wonder whether they have been included in the bill as it is now before us?

The Chairman: In this copy I notice that the amendments adopted are printed. Perhaps I might read the amendments to hon. members. After the word "of" in the 21st line the following words are added, "not less than two-thirds of the issued shares"; and the words "a majority of the shareholders" are struck out. Is that the amendment to which the hon. member refers?

Mr. Green: Yes.

The Chairman: Shall clause 2 as amended carry?

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 3, 4 and 5 agreed to.

On clause 6—*Borrowing powers.*

Mr. Green: There was an amendment to clause 6 also, I believe.

The Chairman: In clause 6, after the word "the" in the 38th line the word "issued" has been inserted and the word "subscribed" has been deleted. Shall clause 6 as amended carry?

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clause 7 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.