

ation is the last we hear of them, and possibly that may be the case with the present one.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON—We do not like to risk that in this case.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—But it will not place the island in a worse position if the Bill passes.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—This Bill is one to which the people of Prince Edward Island, I think I can say are almost universally opposed. They do not want this incorporation at all. I have some reasons to present to the House in opposition to the Bill, and in support of the view taken by my hon. friend who has just spoken, and I move that the debate be adjourned.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, August 28, 1903.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THIRD READING.

Bill (15S) An Act to incorporate the St. Chrysostôme Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Young.

RAILWAYS LAW CONSOLIDATION BILL.

POSTPONED.

The Order of the Day being called,

House again in Committee of the Whole on (Bill 21) An Act to amend and consolidate the law respecting Railways.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It was understood that this order would be discharged and stand over until the report of the proceedings this morning had been printed. We cannot make any headway until hon. gentlemen have had an opportunity of considering it. We could take it up on Tuesday.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—Why not Monday?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Surely members who listened to the discussion this morning do not want to read a report of it.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Well, Monday.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—And a vast number of clauses were not discussed at the meeting this morning.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The amendments proposed by the hon. gentleman from De Salaberry will take a day or two if we go into them.

The motion was agreed to.

INCORPORATION OF MINING COMPANIES BILL.

REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (Y) An Act respecting the incorporation of Mining Companies.

(In the Committee.)

Hon. Mr. POWER—There was some discussion at the previous stage of this Bill, and there seemed to be a feeling that the Bill might interfere in some way with the rights of the provinces. I think we might amend this first clause by adding to it something to this effect—that the Act should apply only to companies within the exclusive jurisdiction of the parliament of Canada.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—What companies are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the parliament of Canada? The object of the Bill, as I have explained, is to facilitate mining companies being incorporated by letters patent of the Dominion, instead of their being incorporated in foreign countries, when they offer no guarantee whatever. I call attention to the fact that under clause 2 of the Bill it is stated:—

2. The provisions of the Companies Act, 1902, as amended by chapter of the statutes of 1903, shall be considered as incorporated in this Act, except such portions thereof as are in conflict with the provisions hereof.

When a company is incorporated in virtue of this Bill, if it passes, the form of the stock certificate has to disclose that there is no liability, or if there be a liability, what is the amount of it. The written notices—in fact, all the literature of the company—letter headings and other papers, have to bear these words, 'no personal liability.'

I call special attention to clause 5. Under the Companies Act it is incumbent on all