

dian Pacific Railway, and viewed the immense domain that lies west of Lake Superior and beyond the Rocky Mountains who have not gained a vast amount of valuable information which otherwise they never could have gained and which will prove valuable to them in dealing with any measures coming before them and relating to that great western country. This Bill is the outcome of a resolution I brought before this House last year, in which I showed that great wrongs were done, or attempted to be done, by granting members who are in the habit of supporting the Government free passes and denying the same privilege to members opposed to the Canadian Pacific Railway monopoly and tyranny and opposed to the Government. I promised I would bring in a Bill this session, and here it is. Another reason, and—probably a stronger—certainly the most direct and recent reason for it, has come within the knowledge of every member of this House: namely, what transpired in the Commons immediately before the adjournment that took place in that House a few weeks ago. A member of that House called attention to the fact that supporters of the Government from the Maritime Provinces who desired to visit their homes during the recess received free passes over the Intercolonial Railway from the Minister of Railways, while those members opposed to the Government received none, but had to pay their full fare the same as any ordinary passenger. According to the published report, Sir Charles Tupper replied that he would see that the matter would be put right, and that those who had paid full fare should have their money returned to them. Now I submit that is placing members of the House of Commons or members of this House in a false position. Such conduct is manifestly unfair and unjust and unworthy of honorable men. As I said before the Opposition who are acting conscientiously in the interests of the country and are entitled to just as much consideration in travelling on Government railways as supporters of the Government, because they are equally taxed for the construction and maintenance of those roads.

HON. MR. ALMON—I rise to a question of order. I think the hon. Mr. Power, a steadfast opponent of the Government, and who has been such in this House ever since he became a member of it, has had a free pass over the Intercolonial Railway.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—That is not a question of order.

HON. MR. MCINNES—The junior member from Halifax is a great stickler for order. But if I may be allowed to say so he is more frequently out of order than any other member of this House. I did not say that no Opposition member had a free pass, but that the rule was that the Opposition members did not get passes at least from the great railway corporations to which I have referred. An observation was made when this measure was last brought before the House by the hon. member from Amherst and repeated by the leader of the House. It is repeated at page 151 of the Senate Debates. The leader of the House said “so far I do not think that the postponements have been very extraordinary. I do not think that we ought to apply a very stringent rule to hon. gentlemen who wish to have their measures postponed for a few days, but of course I do think there should be an end to it especially as the terms of the Bill, itself, perhaps somewhat reflect upon the House.”

HON. MR. ALMON—Hear hear.

HON. MR. MCINNES—I desire to impress on this House that it is in order to preserve the dignity and purity of this House and the other branch of Parliament that I desire that this measure, or some similar measure, should become law.

HON. MR. ALMON—Hear hear.

HON. MR. MCINNES—The junior member from Halifax may say hear, hear, but I would remind the hon. gentleman that he is one of the last men in this House who should attempt to attack or criticise any measure of this kind. I think those who live in glass houses should not be casting stones.