

entirely inconsistent with the first clause of the Bill.

HON. MR. VIDAL—The first clause relates to selling to minors; the other relates to the sale of fire-arms to anybody.

HON. MR. LACOSTE—The amendment should be a separate section. It has no connection at all with the matter in section 2.

HON. MR. GIRARD—I would suggest that the word "air" be struck out of every section of the Bill where it occurs. I think the air-gun should be prohibited for any purpose. It is, as I said on a former occasion, the murderer's weapon.

HON. MR. DICKEY—If the amendment of the hon. member from Toronto should be adopted, the effect of the Bill will be this, that no person can sell a pistol or air-gun to any one to whom he can now lawfully sell it without registering it. I think that would be an interference with trade which would not do the Bill much good in another place, and I do not think it will help to meet the object which my hon. friend from Quinté had in view when he drafted the Bill, namely, to protect the public against the sale of those weapons to minors.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—The object of the Bill is to restrict the sale of those deadly weapons, and the trade in them will necessarily be diminished as a result of this legislation.

HON. MR. POWER—After all, it is only putting dangerous weapons in the same position as noxious drugs. According to the laws of some countries any apothecary who sells poison is obliged to make an entry, in a book kept for the purpose, of the name of the person to whom the poison was sold and the nature of the poison. I do not think there is anything very unreasonable in requiring that a gunsmith should make an entry of the name of the purchaser of the gun and the number or other mark on the gun for the purpose of identification. With respect to the suggestion made by the hon. member from St. Boniface, I should be very glad, for one, to try to do what he wishes, but his suggestion, if adopted, would have a totally different effect, and if he strikes out the word "air" from the Bill it will have the effect of preventing the sale of any other kind of gun whatever.

The committee divided on the amendment, which was adopted. Contents, 18; non-contents, 8.

HON. MR. KAULBACH.—I observe that the schedule limits the power of a magistrate to issue certificates. The second clause of the Bill gives him a general power, but the schedule says that the certificate should state the limits to which it is applied.

HON. MR. POWER—I think the position taken by my hon. friend from Lunenburg is perfectly sound, and I understand that the introducer of the Bill proposes to let the third reading stand, in order that he may have an opportunity to consult the leader of the House as to whether an amendment to limit the jurisdiction of a magistrate under this Bill is desirable or not.

HON. MR. McCLELAN, from the committee, reported the Bill, with amendments.

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. LACOSTE moved the second reading of Bill (O) "An Act to amend the Steamboat Inspection Act, Cap 78 of the Revised Statutes." He said: The main object of this Bill is to take out of the Act the rules and regulations concerning the inspection of boilers and safety valves of steamboats, and also relating to the construction of boilers, and to put this into the hands of the Governor-in-Council for the purpose of following the progress of science, and making those rules and regulations more in accord with modern scientific construction. There are some other changes of minor importance relating to certificates.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

OFFENCES AGAINST THE LAW OF MARRIAGE BILL.

IN COMMITTEE.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill (F) "An Act respecting offences against the Law of Marriage."

(In the Committee.)

On the first clause,—

HON. MR. MACDONALD (B.C.) said. I will ask the House to adopt the first