

stands to-day, bristles with irregularities and wrongs that must be corrected before it goes out of committee. I can only say that you are not saving cost to the candidate, you are not saving cost to the public as a whole, because it is all the same whether the public pays it through the municipalities or pays it out of the federal tax. Worse than that and worst of all, you are placing a positive premium on dishonesty in the preparation of such lists. I do not know how the lists are prepared in the other provinces, although I have heard something in regard to them. If in New Brunswick and other provinces they have written and not printed lists, then I say that is worse than the Ontario iniquity, and I hope and trust the Government will see fit to provide that we shall have an honest voters' list, printed after the lists are finally revised under the local administrations.

It being Six o'clock, the Speaker left the Chair.

After Recess.

IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS.

Bill (No. 57) respecting the Manufacturers' Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company, and to change its name to "the Dominion of Canada Guarantee and Accident Insurance Company."—(Mr. Clarke.)

Bill (No. 59) to incorporate the Victoria Fire Insurance Company.—(Mr. Quinn.)

KETTLE RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY.

House resolved itself into committee on Bill (No. 26) to incorporate the Kettle River Valley Railway Company.—(Mr. Bostock.)

(In the Committee.)

On section 6,

The **MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS** (Mr. Blair). This clause was amended in the committee by reducing the capital stock from \$2,500,000 to \$1,000,000.

Mr. **LaRIVIERE**. As that does not appear in the Bill before the committee, I think we had better get the committee to rise and report progress, and send the Bill back to the Committee on Railways.

The **MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS**. I made the motion myself, and it may possibly have escaped the notice of the chairman or the secretary of the committee. It was agreed by all parties that it should be reduced to \$1,000,000.

Mr. **DEPUTY SPEAKER**. It is moved that the words, "two million five hundred thousand" be struck out, and the words, "one million" be inserted in lieu thereof.

Mr. **DAVIN**. Does that not require notice?

The **MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS**. No.

Mr. **DAVIN**. I would like to have your ruling on that, Mr. Chairman. Can an amendment be made to a private Bill in committee without notice being given?

Mr. **DEPUTY SPEAKER**. I understand that the change that is asked for now is simply the correction of a clerical error.

Mr. **CASEY**. It was agreed to in the Railway Committee.

Mr. **SPROULE**. I understood that it was changed to \$1,500,000.

Mr. **LaRIVIERE**. I do not know how we can change this Bill, when it is the original Bill as it has come from the Railway Committee, whether it is a mistake or not.

Mr. **HUGHES**. If there is a motion to strike out the word "two," you cannot do that without notice. If it is an error, let us treat it as an error.

Mr. **McINNES**. At this stage, I would like to make a few remarks on this Bill. It is a Bill which received a great deal of consideration at the hands of the Railway Committee, and it is an important Bill, which certainly should not be rushed through this House without very mature and serious consideration. It is an important Bill, not only on account of the richness of the district into which it is proposed to build this railway, but also on account of its very material bearing upon the trade of Canada, and because it involves a question which is coming to the front more and more in our political life.

Sir **CHARLES TUPPER**. May I ask my hon. friend, before he proceeds to that, to allow us to dispose of the very important question which is before the committee. The hon. Minister of Railways says that an amendment was made to this clause, which amendment does not appear in the Bill now before the committee. I understand him to say that the amount of the capital stock was changed to \$1,500,000.

The **MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS**. That is the recollection of the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule).

Sir **CHARLES TUPPER**. I want to ask my hon. friend whether his recollection in the committee was that that clause was changed in the way the Minister of Railways recollects?

Mr. **McINNES**. I may say that the chairman seemed to be railroading this Bill through the committee without reference to the questions of order that were raised, and I thought it only right to raise some kind of protest.

Sir **CHARLES TUPPER**. Does my hon. friend remember whether clause 6 was amended so as to make the change?