

By the Act last mentioned the federal government was authorized to make a loan to the Saint John Bridge and Railway Extension Company of \$433,900 upon the security of a mortgage on the entire assets and property of the company. The loan was made, and the mortgage was given by the company to the federal government on December 10, 1883. The loan was repayable in fifteen years, and in 1898 under authority of Chapter 9 of the Statutes of 1898 the maturity date was extended for another fifteen years. No further extension has been given, but interest has been paid annually at four per cent.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company acquired a majority of the common stock of the bridge company in 1905, and has for many years owned all outstanding shares and securities.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has advised the government that it is now prepared to repay this loan and wishes to take an assignment of the mortgage. The railway represents that it is necessary, upon repayment, that all title of Her Majesty in the properties mortgaged become vested in the Canadian Pacific and that its right to ownership of the shares and securities be beyond question.

Although the bridge company is a separate corporation, it is by ownership and operation an integral part of the Canadian Pacific system. In view of this it is desirable that the companies be given the powers contemplated by sections 151 to 153 of the Railway Act, and clause 3 of the Bill is intended to accomplish this purpose.

I may say that section 151 of the Railway Act provides the machinery as between companies for the making of agreements of sale, leases or amalgamations; it stipulates the method of taking the vote, the making of submissions to the Board of Railway Commissioners and recommendations to the Governor in Council, and so on. Section 152 grants powers for amalgamation, and reserves certain rights and privileges. Section 153 is a saving section in respect of prior claims.

This is a simple bill for the purpose of enabling the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to repay the loan to the government and to have the title of Her Majesty in the properties covered by the mortgage vested in the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Doone: Honourable senators, I move that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

PRIVATE BILL

SECOND READING

Hon. W. H. Taylor moved the second reading of Bill R, an Act respecting Beaver Fire Insurance Company.

He said: Honourable senators, this is a very short bill. The purpose is to change the name of Beaver Fire Insurance Company, a company incorporated by chapter 68 of the Statutes of 1913, to "Beaver Insurance Company." The Beaver Fire Insurance Company, as permitted by the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act and its certificate of registry, is writing other classes of business besides fire, and it now wishes to have its name conform with the business it is writing. I think that is practically a full explanation of this bill.

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Taylor: Honourable senators, I move that this bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.