

HON. MR. AIKINS—Under the provisions of the present law the time may be extended from five to ten years, but this Bill makes provision for a certain class of cases. The department is presided over by a practical man and he is strongly of the opinion that this Bill is in the interest of the patentee and of the general public.

HON. MR. SCOTT—My hon. friend will see that he has entirely misconstrued the object of the Bill, because the extension from five to ten years applies only to a case where a patent is taken out for a lesser period and the patentee having complied with the provisions of the Patent Act desires an extension—the article has been manufactured here, or imported and brought into general use,—but this Bill gives the right of extension where the article has not been manufactured in the country or brought into use. There is no kind of apology or excuse for a bill of this kind, because you are departing from the principle we have been acting on for so many years, when it was considered a year ought to be the limit of time during which the patentee ought to have the exclusive right to a patent without manufacturing. I think my hon. friend had better drop the Bill. It is too serious a matter to be taken up at the end of the Session, and it is only in the interest of some few dozen persons. I do not think Parliament ought to be called upon, at the last day of the Session, to consider a matter involving a very serious new principle.

HON. MR. AIKINS—After the appeal made by my hon. friend, I will allow the Bill to stand for third reading to-morrow, until I have had an opportunity of consulting with the Commissioner.

CHIGNECTO MARINE TRANSPORT RAILWAY BILL.

SECOND READING.

Bill (167) "An Act to provide for the granting of a subsidy to the Chignecto and Marine Transport Railway Company (Limited)" from the House of Commons, was introduced and read the first time.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved that the Bill be read the second time presently.

HON. MR. POWER—I hope that the hon. gentleman will not insist on the Bill being read the second time now.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—We cannot do anything with a Bill of this kind but pass it or reject it. The House of Commons has stated in it that under certain circumstances the Government can expend a certain amount of money.

HON. MR. POWER—The Senate can always vote against the expenditure of public money.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—We will take the second reading now and allow the third reading to stand till to-morrow, reserving full liberty to the hon. gentleman to make any objections he wishes to urge against it at that stage.

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

FREE TRANSMISSION OF NEWS-PAPERS THROUGH THE MAILS BILL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Bill (161), "An Act to provide (for the free transmission of Canadian newspapers by mail within the Dominion," from the Commons, was introduced, read the first and second time and reported from the Committee without amendments.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved the third reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the third time and passed without debate.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved that when the House adjourns it stand adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 11.05 p.m.