

owned and been operating properties in more than one province. I would therefore substitute this clause :

This Act shall apply only to companies having for their object to own and operate mining properties in more than one province.

The SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman from de Salaberry is quite right. The amendment which he proposes now to substitute for the one made in committee, really carries out the intention which I had better than the amendment which was actually adopted. With the permission of the House, the hon. gentleman might move that this Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be amended by striking out clause 7 and substituting the clause he has suggested.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN (de Lanaudière) moved :

That the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be amended by striking out the seventh clause, and inserting in lieu thereof, the amendment suggested by the Hon. Mr. BÉIQUE.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill as amended, was read the third time, and passed.

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AGAIN IN COMMITTEE.

The House resumed in committee of the Whole, consideration of Bill (21) An Act to amend and consolidate the law respecting Railways.

(In the Committee.)

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN—I regret that I was not present yesterday when the committee dealt with clauses 10 and 11 of this Bill. I had given notice of an additional subsection for the purpose of preventing the commissioners from being subject to influences, or being asked to exercise their influence to procure positions, or favours for any of their families or friends. It is a very important provision, in view of the influence that is exercised in some states. It is quite clear that it would be prudent on our part to very carefully guard the duties and the position that these men will be called upon to fill, in providing that they should be absolutely free from any influence on the part of any railway company, in the

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discharge of their duties as a board. I therefore move a reconsideration of clauses 11 and 12, with a view to dealing with the amendment of which I have given notice.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. POWER—There is one observation which I wish to make with regard to the wording of this amendment. The proposed clause says 'any member of the board accepting any gift or favour for himself, or any relation or friend not provided for in this Act.' That might be construed to mean that it applies only to those friends or relations who are not provided for in this Bill.

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN—I am quite willing that the amendment should be carefully criticised, and if any hon. gentleman suggests an improvement, I should be glad to accept it. If the amendment can be put in better shape I should be very glad.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—I would suggest that the hon. gentleman change that from 'relations and friends' to 'his family.'

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN moved :

That section 11 be amended by adding the following as subsection 3 :

3. Any member of the board accepting any gift or favour for himself or any relation or friend not provided for in this Act, or exercising his influence on behalf of any relative or friend with any railway company or officer for any position or favour, shall thereby forfeit his seat as a member of the board.

The reason I put in the provision to which the Speaker has called attention is this : the Bill provides that a railway shall carry the members of the board free. That is one favour that is provided for. There is another favour, that if the board have a private car of their own, the railway shall haul that car free of charge. The reason I put in the words 'not provided for in this Act,' is because the Bill does provide for certain favours, and I considered it was necessary to make some provision of this kind.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I was not objecting to the words. I was simply indicating they were not put in the right place, because in the place where they are they might mean that possibly all the other relations and friends were provided for. I move, if the hon. gentleman has no objection, to alter