

these commissions. Some officers who have received these commissions decline to pay for them, on the ground that they do not come within the literal meaning of the Act as it now stands upon the Statute-book, and this Bill is to give power to the Governor in Council to declare who shall come within the meaning of the Act, in order to prevent any trouble or difficulty in future. Although the fee is small, the number of officers appointed throughout the whole Dominion is large, and there is a certain amount of revenue which I think is properly and legitimately collected under the circumstances.

The motion was agreed to.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on this Bill.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.), from the Committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The Bill was read the third time and passed, under a suspension of the rules.

LADIES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. ROBITAILLE moved the second reading of Bill (106) "An Act respecting the ladies of the Sacred Heart of Jesus." He said:—On moving the second reading of the Bill I should explain that the Sacred Heart is an educational establishment for young ladies situated near Montreal, with a branch in the city of Montreal. The object of the Bill is to extend the present Act of incorporation, and to enable these ladies to acquire property for the purposes they have in view, viz., education. Of course the Bill limits the amount of property which they can own and manage. The other provisions relate chiefly to the internal economy of the institution.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I rise for the purpose of directing the attention of the Committee to which this Bill will be referred, to the fact that the draftsman of the Bill was apparently not aware of the fact that this association has been incorporated by the legislature of Nova Scotia, so far as regards that province. Apparently the draftsman of this Bill was not aware that there was any other enactment incorporating them except in one province of Canada. I hope

there will be some provision made in the Committee for the case of the institution in Halifax. They own a country house there where the children go during the holidays, and also a house in the city. The properties are somewhat valuable, and the titles are perfectly good, no clouds upon them, and I think probably it would be better that this act should not apply to that branch of the association.

The motion was agreed to.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

The following Bills were introduced from the House of Commons and read the first and second time under a suspension of the rules:—

Bill (92) "An Act to amend the Merchants Shipping Act with respect to load lines." (Mr. Bowell.)

Bill (99) "An Act respecting the Harbour Commissioners of Montreal." (Mr. Angers.)

Bill (83) "An Act respecting the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company." (Mr. Lougheed.)

Bill (79) "An Act to incorporate the North American Canal Company." (Mr. Clemow.)

Bill (43) "An Act to amend the Criminal Code, 1892." (Mr. Angers.)

Bill (70) "An Act respecting the Nakusp & Slocan Railway Company." (Mr. Macdonald, B.C.)

DRUMMOND COUNTY RAILWAY COMPANY'S BILL.

FIRST READING.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (71) "An Act respecting the Drummond County Railway Company."

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. McMILLAN moved that the rules of the House be suspended and that the Bill be read the second time presently.

Hon. Mr. GUEVREMONT (in French)—I am opposed to the motion for many reasons. In the first place I object to the second reading now because I know that there are some gentlemen in Montreal who are op-