

ditional grades in law which have been used in practice.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Which were refused here.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—No. The motions made here did not by any manner of means agree with the amendments of the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Is my hon. friend from Killarney satisfied with the amendments?

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I would not like to say that, but I think they are in the right direction.

The motion was agreed to.

DOMINION GUARANTEE COMPANY BILL.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (211) An Act to amend the Act of the present session entitled an Act respecting the Dominion Guarantee Company, Limited.

Hon. Mr. BAKER—I had charge of a Bill of this name which passed the Senate, but was not sanctioned. I understand this is a Bill to amend that Bill.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I want to know if the Bill which this purports to amend has become law?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The Bill passed this House, and was amended in the lower House. The amendments were sent here. A resolution was moved refusing concurrence in the amendments. The House of Commons, as I understand it, have accepted the Bill as it was sent to them with their amendments not concurred in. They adopted it and now they introduce another Bill to amend that Bill.

Hon. Mr. BAKER—The object is to accomplish in part what was sought to be accomplished by the amendments made in the Commons to which the Senate refused to agree. The promoters of the Bill would be better pleased if they had the Bill as passed by the Senate; but they have agreed to accept it as modified in this unusual way. I believe it would be only an act of good faith, to concur in this.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I oppose that. It is asking this House to pronounce itself in a different way, on a question on which it has already given its opinion. We have already settled the question, and the Commons are trying to have us give a different opinion now from the one already given. I think the Bill is out of order.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—This is attempting to amend a private Bill by a Bill of which no notice has been given. It is not a public Bill, and there can be no proceedings behind it to warrant its production.

Hon. Mr. POWER—It is altogether irregular. It is a private Bill with no petition. It refers to a Bill of this session which is not yet assented to.

Hon. Mr. BAKER—I am not at all interested in the Bill. The Commons could have made amendments that might have been accepted by us, but instead of doing that they determined, in the profundity of their wisdom, to give us a new Bill. I do not see any precedent for it in the law or practice of parliament; but I said I had no objection to looking after it in the Senate. It is rather an anomalous proceeding to amend a Bill which has not yet received the royal sanction.

The SPEAKER—There are three questions to be determined which I cannot determine at this stage. The first is, is this a private Bill or a public Bill? If it is a private Bill, is it presented under the notices governing such Bills, and could it be? If it is a public Bill can a public Bill be presented to amend a private Bill, and could it be presented when the Bill it seeks to amend has no valid existence, inasmuch as it has not yet received the royal sanction? Under the circumstances, I would ask that the Bill be either laid on the table or that it be put down for second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Hon. Mr. POWER—If the Bill is not properly here, how can it be put down for second reading?

The SPEAKER—I am not asking for a second reading, but merely to let it lie on the table. I do not know if there is a