

appears to me to be going beyond the usual procedure or proper practise.

Mr. HAZEN: I was asked by the right hon. leader of the Opposition to explain the Bill, and was endeavouring to do so plainly and succinctly; but in order to explain it clearly and succinctly I thought it necessary to make a reference to this report of the commission, because it is on the report of the commission that the Bill is founded. I had almost concluded and shall take but a moment longer.

Captain Adjutor Lachance, President of the Pilots Corporation, who was a member of the commission, submitted a minority report dissenting from the recommendation for the abolition of the corporation.

After having given the above recommendation my very best consideration I have come to the conclusion that it is neither necessary nor desirable to carry it out in its entirety. The Act that is recommended for abolition confers other powers on the corporation than those alluded to, and, having regard to efficient administration and control, there does not appear to be any reason to interfere with them. It is considered sufficient to withdraw from the corporation the power to examine, license and control pilots, and to confer on the minister the power generally to control and manage all pilotage matters in the district to the same extent and in the same manner as obtains in the Montreal-Quebec district. The power to organize for mutual protection and improvement of their conditions, conferred by the Act of Incorporation, is a very desirable one, and if withdrawn by this Parliament could be obtained from the provincial legislature of Quebec. Equally desirable is the provision made by which a 'pilot fund' is established for the benefit of retiring members of the corporation. This fund at the present time is invested and managed subject to supervision by my department. No evidence has been adduced to cast even the slightest suspicion on the management by the corporation of this fund in the past. Holding these views I am unable to agree with the recommendation of the commission in this respect; but by the introduction of this measure I am seeking to comply with the substantial part of this report in its entirety. Thus we leave the Pilotage Corporation still in existence to discharge other duties, power to discharge which is conferred on it by the Act of 1860.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. EMMERSON: The patronage is taken over by the Government.

Mr. HAZEN: The management is taken over by the Government.

Mr. SPEAKER: I would say, with regard to this particular Bill and the practice introduced in connection with it, that I hope it will not be taken as a precedent to be followed in other cases, because I can only say that it would not be done with the consent of the Speaker, as it is in my judgment irregular. It is not explaining the provisions of the Bill, but debating the need for the Bill and the conditions which have led to its introduction.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

PRIVATE BILLS.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill No. 162, respecting Saskatoon and Hudson Bay Railway Company.—Mr. Carvell.

Bill No. 163, to incorporate the North American Accident Insurance Company.—Mr. Baker.

Bill No. 164, respecting the Berlin, Waterloo, Wellesley and Lake Huron Railway Company.—Mr. Weichel.

Bill No. 165, respecting the Western Dominion Railway Company and the Alberta Pacific Railway Company.—Mr. R. B. Bennett.

Bill No. 166, to incorporate the Farnham and Granby Railway Company of Canada.—Mr. Baker.

Bill No. 167, to incorporate the Cornwall and Hawkesbury Railway Company of Canada.—Mr. Alguire.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

Mr. MACDONALD:

Does the Government intend to take any steps at this session to assist in the extension of the advantages of technical education in Canada, or in carrying into effect the recommendations of the report of the Technical Education Commission?

Mr. DOHERTY: The whole subject has been under careful consideration and has been taken up with the Governments of the different provinces. The House will be duly informed of any legislative action which may be contemplated.