

*vid* Rapid City westward. A land grant has been given by Parliament for the purpose of assisting the enterprise. It is the wish of Parliament that such a road should be built, and the Government may fairly be trusted to carry out the wishes of Parliament.

Committee rose and reported.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell), moved the third reading of the Bill.

Mr. BLAKE. The third reading should not be taken until to-morrow, by which time we shall know whether the North-West Central Railway Company is really in existence; and if it is not, some changes in the Bill might become necessary.

Mr. MITCHELL. It is desirable that we should see whether the promoter of the Bill is able to carry out the arrangements or not. If he is not, I hope the Minister of the Interior will strike off the name of the company from the Bill.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). There is really no necessity for any amendment in such an event, because under this Act the charter would lapse.

Mr. MITCHELL. It would be a disgrace to Parliament to have the name of that company in the Bill after the experience we have had.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. At this period of the Session I think it is a matter of urgency that the Bill should be read the third time.

Mr. BLAKE. I do not think so. Why did not the Bill come down at an early period of the Session? There is even now considerable business to be done, and there is no necessity for giving this Bill the third reading to-day. I think I shall have to discuss the matter further after six o'clock.

It being Six o'clock, the Speaker left the Chair.

#### After Recess.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell) moved the third reading of the Bill.

Mr. BLAKE. As I stated before recess, I object to this as a departure from the proper order of the House, and also under the special circumstances of the Bill, that is that circumstances may occur between now and to-morrow which may make it fitting that the House should deal with the Bill in a different manner from that in which it is prepared to deal with it to-night. The question of whether the deposit is made by the railway company, and the local position of the railway, have to be considered, and there is no reason, therefore, why we should press this Bill through at this sitting. There is also another reason. In the committee the hon. member for Northumberland was engaged in a discussion of this very question of what would be the proper course which should be taken in case the deposit was not made, when I interposed and pointed out that the third reading should not be taken to-day but to-morrow, by which time we would be in a position to know what had taken place. If it had been the intention of the Minister to move the third reading to-day, he should have informed us of that intention at that time, and then the discussion would have gone on in committee which was intercepted by me in good faith, with the idea that time would be saved by postponing until to-morrow a discussion of that question. I think, under those circumstances, that it is not consistent with that good faith and fair play which should prevail amongst us in such matters that the Minister, having received the advantage of my suggestion in the curtailment of the discussion in committee, should afterwards

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deprive us of the opportunity on which he took that advantage.

Sir HECTOR LANGEVIN. I was in the House at the time the hon. gentleman speaks of, and I did not hear what the hon. gentleman has just said, though, as he has said it, I am bound to take his word for it. Even then, if the hon. gentleman makes a statement of that kind to another member, that is no reason why the House should deprive themselves of their right to go on with a measure of this kind, especially at this time of the Session. Besides that, the hon. member for Northumberland was in the House at that moment as well as the hon. gentleman opposite, and therefore the hon. member for Northumberland would not complain, and could not complain, because he had an opportunity of speaking on the Bill. Besides, the hon. gentleman knows that, at the request of the hon. gentleman, on his question when the Government intended to recommend the prorogation of Parliament, the First Minister stated that he hoped this House would be able to complete the business to-morrow night so that we might prorogue on Friday. But if we are going on to-day as we went on yesterday, it will be impossible to do so, and for that the responsibility must rest on the hon. gentlemen on the other side, who would not allow this Bill to have its third reading now. It is a customary thing at this time of the Session to go on with the Bills which have already been considered several times by the House and to give them their third reading. Besides, the hon. gentleman knows that this Bill has not been considered by the other House, and if we wish to have this early prorogation, as it seems to be the desire of hon. gentlemen on both sides, we must get it through the Senate in time for them to consider this measure. If we delay it until to-morrow, we will not know any more about it, and the Senate will not be in a condition to consider it to-morrow. It will have to go on till Friday, and then we will not be able to prorogue on Friday. Besides, this measure being considered this evening, and a debate arising upon it, the time that we should employ in discussing the Supplementary Estimates will have gone in debating this measure, which I must say has been perfectly well debated already. The hon. gentleman said another reason which should induce us to delay the third reading until to-morrow is the fact that to-day is the last day on which the promoters or shareholders of a company, which was incorporated the other day, could make the deposit under the proviso that if on or before the 1st of June they did not satisfy the Governor General in Council that they are in a position to build fifty miles of their road within a certain period, then the Bill would not take effect, no proclamation would issue, and we would have the right to incorporate another company. Now the right for incorporating another company is given by the House of Commons, and I have no doubt will be given by the Senate—that power is given to the Government to incorporate a company. What can be gained by delaying this Bill until to-morrow? What other provisions can we put in this Bill that we had not put in it. The provisions put in this Bill for that purpose are the provisions put in the laws of last Session to the same effect, and, therefore, I believe the hon. gentleman should not delay the business of the House by preventing the Bill being read the third time.

Motion agreed to; and Bill read the third time and passed.

#### BOUNTY ON PIG IRON.

Mr. McLELAN moved that the House resolve itself into Committee on the following resolution:—

That it is expedient to provide that the bounty of one dollar and fifty cents per ton on pig iron manufactured in Canada from Canadian ore, authorised to be granted until the 30th day of June, 1886, by the Act 46th Victoria, chapter 14, may continue to be granted by the Governor in Council until the 30th day of June, 1889; and that a bounty of