

HON. MR. CLEMOW—I gave notice in committee this morning that I intended to move certain amendments to this Bill, and I thought it was necessary that I should give notice to that effect. That is the reason I do not approve of the motion submitted by the hon. gentleman from Sarnia, that the Bill be read the third time presently.

HON. MR. MILLER—As the hon. gentleman from Rideau division has stated in his place that he intends to move amendments to this Bill, I am sure it is the desire of the House that he should have the opportunity of doing so.

HON. MR. VIDAL—If it is the desire of the House I shall withdraw my motion, and move, instead, that the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The motion was agreed to.

#### SAMUEL MAY RELIEF BILL.

REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE.

HON. MR. HOWLAN, from the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, reported Bill (16) "An Act to confer on the Commissioner of Patents certain powers for the relief of Samuel May," recommending its passage.

HON. MR. MACINNES (Burlington) moved that the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday next.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I should like to ask the leader of the House whether he thinks it would be necessary to give notice of an amendment to this Bill for the protection of rights acquired since the lapse of this patent? I do not think that the promoters of this Bill intend that it shall cover the rights of those who have invested capital or commenced operations in this business under the impression that the patent had expired. If the leader of the House thinks the second clause is sufficient to cover any such rights I shall not move in the matter myself.

HON. MR. DICKEY—The third reading of the Bill is proposed for Wednesday next, and therefore it is open to the hon. gentleman to place a notice of his motion on the Paper.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I have no intention of taking any action myself; I simply

call the attention of the leader of the House to the subject.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—It was for the purpose of considering this question, and others connected with the Bill, that I asked my hon. friend to postpone the third reading until Wednesday next; but at the same time, I should be sorry that the House should put itself entirely into my hands in the matter if I might be of opinion that no amendment is necessary. I might be wrong; if so, it would not be the first time, and I suppose will not be the last time. If any member wishes to make an amendment he can give notice. It is my intention to examine the Bill and report on it, with a view of deciding what the Government will do when the third reading is moved on Wednesday next.

HON. MR. MACDONALD (B.C.)—In the committee to-day we had ample evidence before us that no new works had been commenced by any one. We are perfectly willing that this relief should be granted to Mr. May.

The motion was agreed to.

#### ELBOW RIVER WATER POWER CO.'S BILL.

MOTION.

HON. MR. LOUGHEED moved that the Bill to incorporate the Elbow River Water Power Company be recommitted to the Select Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors, for reconsideration. He said: I placed this notice on the Paper at the request of the corporators of the Bill. Mr. Davis, the member for Alberta, had charge of the Bill in the House of Commons, being at the same time one of the corporators. The Bill was brought up and speeded in its reading for the purpose of allowing a delegation from Calgary to express their views before the Select Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors. The delegates from Calgary were heard *ex parte*, Mr. Davis being then in Montreal. I was not prepared to express my views on the matter to the committee, Mr. Davis having all the plans and other information and knowledge respecting this Bill. I therefore asked the committee, on that occasion, to let the Bill stand until Mr. Davis returned from Montreal. The committee did not then expect to meet on the follow-