

views were stated, if the government have not put that into the Bill, and if the Bill does not cover the ground which the hon. gentleman approves, the government must have had some motive in so framing its legislation. I am at sea to know just where it is—whether the views on which the government bases this Bill is correct, or the view which the hon. gentleman presents. In all the circumstances of the case, I do not quite feel that I would like to take the liberty with the Bill which the hon. gentleman thinks should be taken. I would observe further, that the two gentlemen who are assailing this fundamental principle of the Bill are themselves not agreed. One of them is desirous of going much further than the other. I think on the whole it would be better to let the Bill stand as it is.

Hon. Mr. POWER—With respect to the view of the government on the subject, we might bear this in mind, that the government have a large majority in the other House, and our action is not final, and if the action of this House does not meet with the approval of the government they will not accept our amendment. I cordially concur with the hon. gentleman from de Salaberry in his view of the constitutional question, and if the feeling of this committee is in favour of adopting his view I do not think we should be hindered from doing so by any doubt as to what the intention of the government is, because I say the government have the matter in their own hands when the Bill goes back to the House of Commons.

The committee divided on the amendment which was rejected, contents 9, non-contents 12.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN (de Lanaudière)—The whole difficulty seems to be on the through traffic. If those words were left out, would not the amendments be acceptable?

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—No.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I voted the way I did, because I think in an important matter of this kind, in a thin house, it is not a fair expression of the opinion of this Chamber.

Hon. Mr. FULFORD, from the committee, reported that they had made some progress with the Bill and asked leave to sit again.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (232) An Act to amend the Manitoba Grain Act, 1900.—(Hon. Mr. Scott.)

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of Bill (K) An Act to incorporate the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co., as amended:

Hon. Mr. WATSON moved

That it be further amended by inserting the words 'approved by the Governor in Council' after the words 'Lake Superior' in the amendment made by the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, and also, that the words 'in addition to the powers hereinbefore contained' be inserted after the word 'may' in the first line of clause 32, on page 12 of the Bill.

He said: The object is that the railway company did not want to be bound to Fort William or Port Arthur and wished to go to any other Canadian port on Lake Superior. I wish to have that under the control of the Governor in Council, because they might go to some port much farther away from the wheat fields of the west, and deprive us of the short haul to the lakes. I should like also to have inserted in section 32 that the company may, in addition to the powers hereinbefore contained, acquire and hold bonds, etc. I understand this clause gives the company power to acquire bonds, stocks, etc., in any other company other than a railway company. It might be understood they would not have power excepting as provided for in the previous clauses of this Bill to hold, guarantee, and pledge stock.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I do not know. Is that asked for by the company?

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Yes.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I would suggest that my hon. friend give notice of those amendments.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—The notice for the last one is in the Order paper, although I did not give it last night.

The SPEAKER—I should like to ask the hon. gentleman if the amendment as set out in the Order paper is the amendment he is moving now?

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Yes.

The SPEAKER—Then it is in order.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved that the Bill be read the third time.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned.