

ject to these sections, among other reasons, because they go to determine matters in dispute between employers and employees which are better left undetermined by this Bill. I think it would be better for all concerned in reference to this matter of open shop or closed shop, that we should leave it entirely in the hands of the parties themselves.

Mr. LEMIEUX. When I first introduced the Bill, several members of the House on both sides, notably the hon. member for Cumberland (Mr. Logan), represented to me that we should hesitate to embody these two clauses in the Bill. Personally I was in favour of these two clauses, and thought they should be incorporated in the Bill. But I find there is a strong objection to them. Under these circumstances I yield to the pressure which is brought to bear by hon. members, and I will drop these two clauses 62 and 63.

Mr. BARR. The two most important clauses in the Bill.

Mr. FOSTER. Would that be called a saw off?

Mr. EMMERSON. It is tit for tat.

The final clause being passed.

Mr. LEMIEUX. I must thank the committee for its courtesy in dealing with the Bill so far. I have already stated that it would be necessary to have the Bill as amended reprinted and distributed to members, in order that they might have a knowledge of the Bill in its present shape. There are some clauses which have not yet been passed. I think perhaps on Wednesday next, if it is agreeable to hon. gentlemen, we may be able to take up the Bill again after it has been reprinted. I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Before you rise, and while we are devoting a good deal of attention to this phase of the railway question, there is another phase of it that ought to be taken up, and that is the large number of accidents that are happening to-day in Canada and all over the continent of America. The matter has become so serious that I think it demands the immediate attention of parliament. It seems to me that the great railway corporations of this country are devoting too much attention to the expansion of their systems rather than to the operation of their systems to the satisfaction of the public. I take this occasion of calling the attention of parliament to the matter, by reason of another accident that has occurred to-day very near this city.

Progress reported.

At six o'clock, House took recess.

Mr. LOGAN.

After Recess.

House resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READINGS.

Bill (No. 27) respecting La Banque Nationale.—Mr. Lachance.

Bill (No. 63) to incorporate the Masonic Protective Association of Canada.—Mr. Parmelee.

NORTHWESTERN TRUST COMPANY.

House in committee on Bill (No. 31) to incorporate the Northwestern Trust Company, Mr. M. S. McCarthy.

On the preamble,

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Is this one of the regular trust companies?

Mr. FIELDING. Yes, these Bills are made to conform to the usual trust company Bill.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Is there a clause that calls for an annual report to the government as the minister promised a year ago?

Mr. FIELDING. We do get reports.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. I asked that a year ago and the minister could not tell if he had got reports.

Mr. FIELDING. I brought the reports down afterwards.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Are the reports of the trust companies on the table?

Mr. FIELDING. A portion of them are; some which are provincial companies send their reports to us and they are included in one of the volumes of the Insurance Report. Yes, this contains a clause requiring a report to be made.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. These trust companies are becoming so numerous and have such a large volume of business to transact that I think it is time they should be put under a general Act. The minister promised that he would think of it and bring in a general Act defining the kind of report they should make.

Mr. FIELDING. No, I did not promise; I said the matter was worthy of consideration. Of course these companies are by no means numerous as insurance companies. It is worthy of consideration whether we should have a general Act. This is in the usual form and it would not make any great difference, it is a matter of convenience.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Report of Auditor General for the year ended June 30, 1906, volume II.—Mr. Fielding.