

Mr. F. S. SCOTT (South Waterloo): I was paired with the hon. member for Quebec South (Mr. Power). Had I voted I would have voted against the amendment.

Motion, Sir Robert Borden for approval of the Treaty, agreed to.

On the Order being called for the House to go into Committee on certain resolutions of the Prime Minister:

Mr. DOHERTY: These resolutions refer to appendices to the Treaty itself, the first of them dealing with the agreement made for the administration of the occupied territory on the Rhine during the period of occupation, and the second one dealing with the Treaty with Poland, which has already been the subject of some discussion. I understood that these two resolutions as appendices to the Treaty were to be passed with the Treaty itself. I would suggest that it is by error that the division was made. There was no occasion to take them in Committee, but as they are on the Order Paper in that way, if there is no objection, I would suggest that we might put them through this morning so the matter may be completed.

Mr. D. D. McKENZIE (Cape Breton N. and Victoria): There is nothing in the agreement I had with the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker, but the resolution with which we have just dealt, and I cannot consent to any other resolution to which I have given no thought.

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY: There must have been some misunderstanding, because we gathered from the Prime Minister that what he did understand was that these two resolutions which I have mentioned deal with mere appendices to the Treaty were to be taken with the resolution dealing with the Treaty itself. Of course, if that was not so understood by the hon. gentleman, I would not desire to insist to their being disposed of in the face of any objection from him. I think it may safely be said that, having regard to the first resolution, it is a matter that does not present any question affecting us—it is the agreement simply determining how the administration of the occupied territory on the Rhine shall be carried on during the occupation; and the second resolution, as I have said, covers the Treaty which, in substance, practically imposes upon Poland the obligation of respecting the various minorities in that country.

Mr. McKENZIE: When the Prime Minister made his speech, Mr. Speaker, he [Mr. d'Anjou.]

moved one resolution only, and I certainly did not understand that I was consenting to anything but the disposal of the resolution which he then moved. For that reason, while I do not want to show any unnecessary opposition, I cannot agree to a thing to which I have given no consideration at all.

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY: As it was not so understood, I do not want to insist on the disposal of these resolutions in face of my hon. friend's objection.

On the motion of Hon. Mr. Doherty the House adjourned at 1.30 a.m. (Friday).

Friday, September 12, 1919.

The House met at Three o'clock.

REPORTS AND PAPERS.

Copy of Order in Council dated 12th September, 1919, advising that His Majesty do approve, accept, confirm and ratify the Treaty of Peace for and in respect of the Dominion of Canada.—Hon. Mr. Rowell.

RAILWAY ACT, 1919, AMENDMENT.

Mr. J. E. ARMSTRONG (Lambton) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 8, to amend the Railway Act, 1919.

Mr. McKENZIE: Explain.

Mr. J. E. ARMSTRONG: This Bill is for the purpose of bringing under the control of the Railway Commission vessels plying on our inland waters and engaged in coast-wise trade. At present only a few boats connected with the railways are under the control of that commission. The intention is to make such boats as I have mentioned subject to that control as regards tariffs, tolls, trade agreements, time of call, duration of stay, and many things of public importance connected with transportation on our waters. There are 4,500 boats on the Canadian register, and they employ 45,000 people.

Mr. BUREAU: Is this the same Bill that the hon. gentleman presented last year?

Mr. J. E. ARMSTRONG: Pretty nearly the same Bill. Last year I asked that the board should have control as regards maximum freight rates. That is embodied in this Bill. But there is another clause which