

That the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that the said Bill be amended by adding thereto the following as Clause A :—

“ *Clause A.*

“Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act relating to the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Company shall not by any extension of its main line, nor by the construction of any branch line or lines, or by the purchase, lease or other acquisition of any line or lines of any other railway company, nor by any agreement for running arrangements over the line of any other railway company, nor in any other manner whatsoever, remove the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company from Port Moody to Coal Harbor or to English Bay, or establish its terminus at Coal Harbor or at English Bay, within a period of ten years from the passing of this Act.”

HON. MR. BELLEROSE—For my part I cannot accede to this amendment, because, as the Minister of Justice said a moment ago, the law provides that the terminus shall be at Port Moody, and as long as that is in the law I believe the amendment is not necessary; but having voted for it yesterday I voted for it to-day on the same principle. Now the position is changed. The law says that Port Moody is the terminus, but it might happen later on that circumstances would force the Government, in the interests of the Company, to change the terminus, and I do not want to prevent the Government from coming before this House and asking a change if it should be necessary.

The amendment was declared lost on the same division.

HON. MR. POWER moved in amendment :—

That the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be further amended as follows :—

“Any improvements which may be made with a view of securing a harbor at Coal Harbor or English Bay, British Columbia, shall be made at the expense of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.”

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—It cannot be made at the expense of anybody else.

The amendment was declared lost on a division.

THE SPEAKER—The motion is now on the third reading of the Bill.

HON. MR. TRUDEL—It has repeatedly been stated in this House that two great advantages have been conferred upon the country by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. It is well known that the condition on which the loan was granted last year, was, that it should be final, and that if the company failed to fulfil its obligations the Government might resume possession of the railway. As I have already stated, what is proposed here considerably alters the position of the country. I think we have as much security as before. It is my impression that the time is not far distant when Canada, like a great many other countries of the world, will be obliged to buy up all the railways within its borders. The time will come when, if these roads are not taken possession of by the country, the two leading corporations may unite and become more powerful than the Government itself, and the government of the country would become entirely impossible. It may be said that there is a law on the Statute book which prevents the Grand Trunk Railway Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company from uniting. They cannot unite, it is true, while that law is in existence, but if an agreement were made between the two companies it would be very easy for them to use their influence to have it repealed. There are public reasons which have induced governments in Europe to take possession of the railways. Supposing such a necessity should arise in Canada, then the Dominion would find itself in this position: It would be obliged to pay perhaps \$200,000,000 to buy a railway towards the construction of which the country has contributed nine tenths, or something more, of the original cost. The country will come to the conclusion that the advantages they derive from the Canadian Pacific Railway have not been as great as the cost, and at a certain period—and this is the point to which I wish to come—instead of giving greater facilities to the company, the Government should seek simply to adhere to the contract and say to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, “Since you are unable to carry on your undertaking we will take possession of the work.” I have