

a majority of the electors who cast ballots in the various constituencies. I would sincerely appeal to the government to make provision for the transferable vote before another general election is held in Canada.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I understand that some announcements are to be made before six o'clock, so I should like to conclude by saying that I support the amendment moved by my colleague the hon. member for Muskoka-Ontario (Mr. Macdonnell), which reads:

That all the words after "that" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"This house regrets that the proposals of the Minister of Finance (a) offer no relief from the oppressive burden of indirect and hidden taxes on staple necessities that compose the family budget, all of which taxes directly increase the cost of living; (b) offer no encouragement to those engaged in the development of our natural resources, especially mining and agriculture; (c) fail to provide for reconvening the dominion-provincial conference in order to complete satisfactory agreements with the provinces and a dominion-provincial programme of social security, health and public investment."

On motion of Mr. Gardiner the debate was adjourned.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

PROVISION FOR PURCHASE, SALE AND EXPORT—
COMMODITY AND PROVINCIAL MARKETING
BOARDS—CONCURRENCE IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS

Right Hon. J. G. GARDINER (Minister of Agriculture) moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the senate to Bill No. 25, to provide for the sale and export of agricultural products.

Motion agreed to, amendments read the second time and concurred in.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

After Recess

The house resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS

QUEBEC NORTH SHORE AND LABRADOR RAILWAY
COMPANY

The house resumed from Tuesday, May 6, consideration in committee of Bill No. 106, to incorporate Quebec North Shore and Labrador Railway Company—Mr. Rinfret—Mr. Golding in the chair.

On section 11—Electric and other power.

Mr. DORION: Mr. Chairman, before the adjournment of the debate on Tuesday last I had moved an amendment to section 11,

[Mr. J. A. Ross.]

but after further consideration I have come to the conclusion that if I withdrew my amendment I could submit one which would be acceptable to the sponsor of the bill. I ask leave therefore to withdraw my amendment?

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Is it the pleasure of the committee that the hon. member shall have leave to withdraw his amendment?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Agreed.

Amendment withdrawn.

Mr. DORION: The section as it stands has, I believe, the effect of granting to the company more powers than are provided for in the general law, section 368 of the Railway Act. The hon. member for Outremont on Tuesday last said at page 2828 of *Hansard*:

... I wish to assure him that if at any time the company have a surplus of power over what they need for their own purposes they will certainly form a new company which will have a provincial charter and which will come under the jurisdiction of the provincial board.

In view of that statement I would be satisfied if the section were amended in accordance with the amendment which I now move, seconded by the hon. member for Quebec-Montmorency (Mr. LaCroix):

That all the words in section 11 after the words "and other power or energy" in line 4, be struck out.

Mr. REID: That does not leave the wording correct.

Mr. DORION: The effect of the amendment would be that the company would be dealt with according to section 368 of the Railway Act and have no more powers than those given by section 368.

Mr. REID: This is how it would read if the amendment were carried, "transmit and distribute electric and for the purposes," and so on. There is a word needed to complete the sentence. It is left vague if you do not add another word somewhere.

Mr. DORION: Section 368 of the Railway Act would apply. Section 368 reads:

Whenever in any special act passed after the seventh day of July, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, it is stated or provided that a railway company shall have power to acquire, transmit and distribute electric and other power or energy, such company, subject to the provisions of this act, may for the purposes of its undertaking acquire, but not by expropriation, electric and other power or energy, and transmit and deliver the same to any place in the municipalities through which the railway is built,

And so on. Section 11 as now proposed to be amended would be in accordance with section 368 of the Railway Act.