

Bill which I think every hon. gentleman here will hold to be a sound one, and I hope that the motion to give the Bill the three months hoist, which is rather an abrupt way of dismissing an effort to try to amend that which is pronounced defective by some of the best and most learned men of the country, is bordering upon obstruction. I would read a short extract from the judgment of Mr. Justice Armour :—

“It would be unreasonable to exclude the only person capable of giving evidence in certain cases of injury; our law recognizes witnesses *ex necessitate*, and it would be strange indeed that the husband should be allowed to exercise every atrocity against the wife, and her evidence not be admitted.”

I think that alone is sufficient to answer the motion to give this Bill a three months' hoist.

HON. MR. ALMON—That is to permit her to give evidence against her husband, but you say she should be compelled to give evidence. I do not see that the argument applies in the slightest degree to the Bill before us. I am no lawyer, however.

The amendment was declared lost on a division, and the Bill was read the second time.

WINNIPEG & PRINCE ALBERT RAILWAY COMPANY'S BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. GIRARD moved the second reading of Bill (91), “An Act to incorporate the Winnipeg & Prince Albert Railway Co.” He said: The object of this Bill is to incorporate a company to construct a railway from a point on Lake Winnipeg, at or near Grand Rapids, to a point at or near Prince Albert, on the Saskatchewan River, in the district of Saskatchewan, and within the fifty-third and fifty-fourth parallels of latitude, with a branch to a point at or near Cumberland House. The capital stock of the company is \$3,000,000, divided into \$100 shares. There is nothing of a special or peculiar character about the Bill, and it is one which should receive the favorable consideration of the House.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read the second time.

HON. MR. GOWAN

HAMILTON PROVIDENT & LOAN SOCIETY'S BILL.

COMMONS' AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

A message was received from the House of Commons to return Bill (J), “An Act to comprise in one Act a limitation of the Share and Loan Capital of the Hamilton Provident & Loan Society,” with certain amendments.

HON. MR. TURNER—The amendments are very trifling, chiefly verbal. The first is in the name of the Act. The third clause is struck out as being unnecessary. Two clauses are added, which have been accepted by the applicants for the Bill. As the amendments strengthen the Bill in favor of the public, I move that they be adopted by the House.

The motion was agreed to.

CANADA TEMPERANCE ACT AND LIQUOR LICENSE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THE DEBATE CONCLUDED.

The order of the day having been called, resuming debate on the Hon. Mr. Dickey's motion in amendment to the Hon. Mr. Vidal's motion for the second reading (Bill 92), Canada Temperance Act 1878, and the Liquor License Act 1883, further amendment Bill;

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE said :—When the House rose on Friday I was observing on the course which had been pursued by many nations of Europe, more particularly those in which the vine is cultivated, in attempting to elevate and refine the populations of their respective countries by education and culture; by the latter term I mean capacity to appreciate and enjoy all that is beautiful in nature and art—painting, literature and architecture. It must be obvious that any people who are in this position with tastes such as I have described, or attempted to describe, is not a people that is likely to be addicted to the vice of intemperance—that this cause with other causes had the effect, in most European countries where the vine is grown, of producing a