

verdict. If it had been proposed in the Lower House that the number of jurors be limited to eight or ten, it might not meet the same objection that I now make. We want a unanimous verdict, whatever may be the number of the jurors.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I do not wish to prolong this discussion. I might express my own opinion as to why the hon. gentleman does not want the amendment, but I shall not. I say that in deference to the opinions that have been expressed, I will, with the permission of the hon. gentleman, withdraw the amendment. There were some other amendments which the code needed, I presume, and we had better let them go, as they are clerical amendments. It is not the desire of the Government to make the measure perfect—it is their desire to get it through.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—Oh, no, it is to make it perfect.

Hon. Mr. VIDAL, from the Committee, reported the Bill with amendments, which were concurred in, and the Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned at six o'clock.

SECOND SITTING.

The Speaker took the Chair at eight o'clock, P.M.

Routine proceedings.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL moved the third reading of Bill (92) "An Act to amend the Merchant Shipping Act, with respect to load lines." He said:—The third reading of this Bill was delayed to enable us to examine the sections to be repealed. I think the hon. gentleman from Halifax is satisfied that the repeal of all the sections mentioned is necessary.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

DRUMMOND COUNTY RAILWAY COMPANY BILL.

SECOND READING.

Hon. Mr. McMILLAN moved the second reading of Bill (71) "An Act respecting the Drummond County Railway Company." He said:—This is a Bill to give additional powers to the company whose charter was obtained, in 1886, from the Quebec Legislature and amended in 1889. They built 65 miles of their road, and now they want to come under the Dominion laws and be given power to extend their line from St. Leonard's to a point on the Intercolonial Railway in the county of Levis.

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

CARLETON BRANCH RAILWAY BILL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (122) "An Act to confirm the sale of the Carleton (city of St. John) Branch Railway."

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL moved, that the 41st rule of the House be suspended and that the Bill be read the second time presently. He said:—In reference to this Bill, I will make the explanation necessary to induce the House to allow it to be passed through all its stages to-night. By an Act passed in 1890 or 1891, the Minister of Railways and Canals was authorized to enter into an arrangement with the city of St. John, N.B., for the sale by the Government of what is termed the Carleton Branch, on the payment to the Government of \$40,000. That sum has been paid and a transfer has been made; this Bill is simply to confirm the arrangement which has been made by the Government with the city of St. John for the transfer of that branch.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY—The arrangement has been carried out, I understand?

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—Yes.

The motion was agreed to.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the Bill.

Hon. Mr. MACINNES (Burlington), from the Committee, reported the Bill without