

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. Each party will be called on to appoint one, and these two may appoint a third, and it is only when either or both the parties make default that the minister acts.

Mr. LOGAN. This section provides that each party to the dispute may choose an arbitrator, and if the two arbitrators cannot agree on the third, the choice of the third will be left to the minister. But in cases of dispute on the Intercolonial Railway that would give an unfair advantage to the government. The men would choose one of the arbitrators, the Minister of Railways would choose another, and in case these two could not agree, the Minister of Labour would choose the third. So that the government would have the choice of two of the arbitrators and the men would only have the choice of one.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. I do not intend to press the Bill to a final reading to-night. My hon. friend has already brought this point to my attention, and I think there is something in it. It would be quite right, in the case of the Intercolonial, to give the appointing of the third arbitrator to an outside tribunal, in case the two others could not agree, but as I do not intend to press the Bill to its third reading, my hon. friend will have an opportunity to make any suggestion at the final stage of the Bill, and have it amended to meet the difficulty he mentions.

Mr. LOGAN. This objection has been raised by the men on the Intercolonial Railway, and I have written to the principle officers of the union, making certain suggestions. I have suggested that the third arbitrator should be chosen by the Chief Justice of the province or the Governor in Council of the province, but I have not yet received any intimation from the union as to which they would prefer, or any suggestion as to what else they desire shall be done.

Mr. INGRAM. As this Bill has been read the second time this afternoon, I do not think that it is proper that we should proceed with it in committee.

The POSTMASTER GENERAL. If any hon. gentleman wishes, I shall not press it. I thought that the House was anxious to put it through committee.

Mr. INGRAM. In view of the discussion on the Bill, hon. members on both sides may receive certain suggestions that might improve it, and as it is a government measure, a delay of a couple of days would not interfere with its passing.

Progress reported.

SECOND READING.

Bill (No. 109) to correct a clerical error in the Act to incorporate the Edmonton and

Slave Lake Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick.

RETIRING ALLOWANCE OF JUDGES.

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (Hon. C. Fitzpatrick) moved that Order No. 17, namely: House in Committee on resolution regarding the retiring allowance of judges be discharged.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of the Minister of Finance, House adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, May 7, 1903.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 156) to incorporate the Montreal and Longueuil Bridge Company.—Mr. Geofrion.

Bill (No. 157) to incorporate the Brandon, Saskatchewan and Hudson's Bay Railway Company.—Mr. Davis.

Bill (No. 158) to incorporate the St. Chrysostome Railway Company.—Mr. Brown.

Bill (No. 159) to incorporate the Canadian Yukon Western Railway Company.—Mr. Davis.

Bill (No. 160) to incorporate the Stewart River Development Company.—Mr. Davis.

Bill (No. 161) to confer on the Commissioner of Patents certain powers for the relief of the Woolf Valve Gear Company.—Mr. Talbot.

Bill (No. 162) respecting the Hamilton and Lake Erie Power Company, and to change its name to the Jordan Light, Heat and Power Company.—Mr. German.

Bill (No. 163) respecting the United Empire Life Insurance Company.—Mr. Thompson (Haldimand).

Bill (No. 164) to incorporate the Pacific Bank of Canada.—Mr. Gallihier.

Bill (No. 165) to incorporate the Algonquin Lumber and Power Company.—Mr. Gould.

Bill (No. 166) to incorporate the Gaspé and Western Railway Company.—Mr. Gauvreau.

Bill (No. 167) respecting the Montreal Bridge Company to change its name to the Montreal Bridge and Terminal Company.—Mr. Bickerdike.

Bill (No. 168) to incorporate the Chicoutimi and North-eastern Railway Company.—Mr. Beland.