

Hon. Mr. FORGET—It is a great Bill—it is a very great Bill.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I am very glad that my hon. friend thinks so because I will give the promoters his name as a prospective shareholder.

Hon. Mr. FORGET—The hon. gentleman may take my name in opposition to it first.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Any member can stop the Bill and kill it now. I say the promoter of this Bill has shown a great deal of energy in bringing it before us at this stage, after receiving so many checks in the other Chamber, the Bill having been referred to the Standing Orders Committee, and then to the Railway Committee. I say the promoter deserves to have his Bill treated very leniently and examined into by the Railway Committee. If the hon. gentleman examines the Bill in its present shape, he will see that it is absolutely harmless. It simply asks for an extension and the right to amalgamate and to make certain agreements.

Hon. Mr. FORGET—When is the time up ?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I think there is still a part of the year. Some work has been commenced, according to my information, and plans have been made. Of course I have not seen the plans. I think all this should be examined into. I move that the rules of this House be suspended so far as they relate to this Bill. It is the last Bill coming before us which needs a little help, and I hope it will be treated as the last child of the family.

Hon. Mr. FORGET—My hon. friend wants to be too sentimental. We passed a measure with a good deal of sentiment a short time ago, and I think we have had enough sentiment for this session. But I should like some further information about the Bill. The hon. gentleman has not explained anything about it.

Hon. Mr. VIDAL—I entirely object to a suspension of the rules. To introduce a Bill of this kind when the session is just about to close, when it is utterly impossible to give it any consideration in committee, and entirely out of order, is altogether out of the question. I object to the suspension of the rules.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—It is not the fault of the promoter. It was before the House two or three weeks ago, but when it returned from the Railway Committee it appears they had gone beyond the demand in the petition and the Bill had to be sent back so as to be amended.

Hon. Mr. BERNIER—I am sorry an objection has been taken to the suspension of the rules.

The SPEAKER—I do not think there can be any discussion after the objection has been taken.

Hon. Mr. BERNIER—Is it out of order to appeal to the hon. gentleman's feelings ?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The hon. gentleman from St. Boniface is not out of order.

Hon. Mr. BERNIER—I do not claim to know the particulars of the Bill which is now before this House, but I happen to know pretty well the county where that railway is to go, and I say that the railway will be of great advantage to that section, and, therefore, I am sorry that objection is taken to the suspension.

The SPEAKER—Does the hon. gentleman from Sarnia withdraw his objection ?

Hon. Mr. VIDAL—No.

The SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman persisting in his objection, the Bill cannot be advanced any further to-day.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Then I move that the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

A MORNING SITTING.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—I move that when the House adjourns to-day it do stand adjourned till twelve o'clock to-morrow, and that we hold two sittings to-morrow, the first at twelve and the second at three, both sittings to be considered as separate sessions of the House. The House of Commons will meet at eleven, and if we meet an hour earlier that will give us time to consider any business that may be brought before us to-morrow.