

clusion that a motion such as I am now making can be proposed only with a view to dissenting from the principle of the Bill. It goes further.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Read it again.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: This is the essential part:

Or to propose other amendments against the principle of the measure with the view of preventing its passage.

I think that that covers it all.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Then I raise the point of order.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: Honourable gentlemen, I would rather see this Bill dealt with on its merits than on a question of Parliamentary procedure. The administration of this Act is too intricate and delicate for the ordinary man to understand, and I am satisfied that the officials of the Departments who are administering the Act know better than I do, and probably better than any ordinary members of this House—by which I mean the men who are not particularly interested in the passage of this Bill; and I am satisfied that if the Government leader says that they wish to close the entries to this fund in July, if possible, I am willing to support them in that, and let the question of procedure go.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Question.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: I understood the honourable gentleman raised a point of order.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I did; my point is that, according to the authority which my honourable friend relies upon an amendment can be moved only against the principle of the Bill, with the object of defeating it.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: In order to prevent its passage.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: With the object of preventing its passage. His amendment does not fall within that statement; he simply wants to add an amendment to extend the time during which the members of the Civil Service may come under the Superannuation Act. He is moving not against the principle of the Bill, but merely to add a clause which he could have added in Committee or at the third reading. He is limited to an assault upon the principle of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I should like to know, honourable gentlemen, whether the third reading has been declared carried. I did not hear it.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Oh, yes.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: It is passed already.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Does the honourable gentleman withdraw his amendment?

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: No, I do not withdraw.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable gentlemen, as to the point of order raised by the honourable leader of the Government, I have not had time to look into this matter thoroughly, but I certainly consider that the point of order is well taken, and that the question is whether the Bill shall pass. If an amendment were made in that case it would have the effect of killing the Bill. The question, then, is on the motion of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, seconded by Hon. Mr. Watson, that this Bill be now passed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No; it is passed.

Hon. Mr. COPP: Honourable gentlemen, it seems to me that, before the vote is taken, a large number of members would like to see a decision on the merits of the Bill, or of the amendment moved. Now, if it is out of order to move a resolution or amendment at the present time, except one attacking the principle of the Bill, it seems to me that we could rescind the third reading, and the amendment might be moved on the third reading.

Right Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM: It might, if you could.

Hon. Mr. COPP: By the leave of the House.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Question.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable gentlemen, a Bill originating in the House of Commons entitled "An Act to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act, 1924," has been read the third time and is now ready to pass. Is it your pleasure, honourable gentlemen, to pass this Bill?

The Bill was passed.

CLAIMS OF ALLIED INDIAN TRIBES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN moved concurrence in the report of the Special Committee appointed with respect to the claims of the Allied Indian Tribes of British Columbia.