

this amendment which says he must take the lowest tender. Suppose he received two tenders and the one from the Admiralty dockyard was a little higher than the other and yet he would rather deal with them, this would not prevent him doing so. All I ask is the recognition of the principle of public tender. We know that in many cases governments call for tenders but they are not compelled to take the lowest. Tenders are called for and a vast amount of information is gained in that way. I do not wish to go into this discussion. He might 'glide' over it as he has the other, and we shall have another opportunity to discuss the matter as we shall to discuss the remainder of the Bill.

Mr. BORDEN: Does the hon. gentleman wish the consideration of it postponed?

Mr. CARVELL: I thought perhaps the right hon. gentleman might. I do not wish to move it myself, but thought perhaps he would do that.

Mr. BORDEN: We do not want to stay here any longer than we can help. I move that the further consideration of the proposed section 6 be postponed.

Committee divided on Mr. Borden's motion: Yeas, 85; nays, 45.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. BORDEN: My hon. friend from South Renfrew (Mr. Graham) had some observations with regard to the title of the Act. We have considered everything but the title, and I suppose we might as well consider that now. The title is 'An Act to authorize measures for increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire.' I do not know whether the hon. member has any observations to offer with regard to it.

Mr. GRAHAM: In discussing the question, I think I said I had been absent, but that had I been present I should have made some observations. But as the Bill has got to its present stage, I think my observations would not be as appropriate as they would have been at that time.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the preamble be adopted?

Mr. CARVELL: There is no preamble. And if there were, I do not see how you could adopt it now. Only one clause of the Bill has been adopted—clause 1. All the rest is under consideration. I do not see how we can adopt anything else until these clauses have been considered.

Mr. BORDEN: There is no preamble, but only the title.

Mr. GERMAN: As we have got through all the rest of the clauses I think we had better let the Bill 'glide.'

Mr. CARVELL: As I understand it the title cannot be passed upon until all these

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sections of the Bill have been adopted. Section 1 which was adopted is the short title of the Bill, but that is not the title. I think we cannot consider the title until the Bill has gone through committee.

Mr. BORDEN: The title, I understand, is dealt with on the third reading:

I beg to give notice that at the next sitting of the Committee of the Whole House upon this Bill I shall move that the further consideration of the second, third, fourth and fifth sections and of the proposed sixth section of this Bill, shall be the first business of the committee and shall not further be postponed.

Progress reported.

Mr. BORDEN: With the indulgence of the House, I would move seconded by Mr. Cochrane:

That Messrs. Chabot and Devlin be added to the Select Special Committee to consider Bills Nos. 2 and 116, respecting the pollution of navigable waters.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. BORDEN: We will take the same Bill to-morrow. I move that the House do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 1 a.m., Friday.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, May 9, 1913.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

### FIRST READING.

Bill No. 193, to incorporate the Canadian Central and Labrador Railway Company.—Mr. Devlin.

### IMPERIAL CONFERENCE FOR NAVAL DEFENCE.

Mr. MACDONALD: Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to ask the Premier whether or not he has received any communication from the Imperial Government or from any of the other dominions within the Empire with reference to the holding of a conference in regard to naval defence during this year?

Mr. BORDEN: No such communication has been received.

### NAVAL FORCES OF THE EMPIRE.

Consideration in Committee of Bill No. 21, to authorize measures for increasing the effective Naval Forces of the Empire—Mr. Borden—resumed from May 8. (Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair.)