

HON. MR. DICKEY—The hon. gentleman has referred to the conferring of the powers of a justice of the peace upon superintendents. The Dominion Parliament has no power to create justices of the peace, and we certainly ought not to give them jurisdiction with reference to laws which are not within the purview of the Dominion as criminal laws are. This clause goes further and says that "every superintendent of harbor and river police appointed under this Act shall for the purpose of carrying out the criminal laws and other laws of Canada," etc. I think this ought to be limited in a different way or the question of jurisdiction might arise, and a question of the power of this functionary to discharge the duties of a justice of the peace in respect to matters which are not within his jurisdiction. I understood my hon. friend to say that he did not propose that these superintendants should interfere in any way with other justices of the peace!

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—No.

HON. MR. DICKEY—This extensive wording of the clause might lead to a conflict and I therefore called attention to it.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I am very much obliged to the hon. Senator from Amherst for his suggestion. We will consider that before going into committee. It may be the words "and other laws," should be stricken out. I think it requires some consideration, because it is for the purpose of enforcing the laws enacted by the Dominion. However, I will give most careful consideration to the objections that have been made.

HON. MR. TRUDEL—I beg to call attention to the eighth clause by which power is given to collect tolls from vessels entering the harbors of Quebec and Montreal. In previous sessions both Houses have considered the question whether it would not be proper to take steps to diminish the tolls upon vessels entering those harbors in order to increase the traffic by way of the St. Lawrence. This hon. House will recollect that comparative statements have been submitted to us showing that the tax upon vessels by the St. Lawrence route exceeds the tolls levied

upon vessels entering the harbor of New York for instance, and that this difference is operating prejudicially to our ports by diverting trade which should naturally come to them. I understood at the time that the policy of the Government was in the direction of diminishing those charges, as I think should be done in the interests of the country. If I recollect right the pilotage, harbor dues and other charges at the port of Montreal are more than double those paid in the harbor of New York, and if a new tax is put upon vessels entering the St. Lawrence, it seems to me that it will be a mistake. I merely call attention to the matter and ask whether it would not be possible, not merely in the interest of the ports of Quebec and Montreal, but in the interests of the whole of the Dominion not to increase those duties. We have all learned with great pleasure that the revenue exceeds the expenditure and, therefore, I think that these new charges contemplated by this Bill should be borne by the Government of the Dominion, and I hope they will take the matter into their serious consideration.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I do not know whether new charges will be created by this Bill, but I beg leave to differ from my hon. friend (Mr. Trudel) with respect to the charges at the port of New York and at the port of Montreal. From what I know of those ports, the charges at Montreal are not so great as at New York. The towage at Montreal is large, but except that, the difference is the other way.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—The question raised by the hon. Senator from DeSalaberry (Mr. Trudel) is a large one, and it was discussed in this House some sessions ago. Some approach has been made towards the accomplishment of the object which the hon. gentleman has in view by the assumption by the Dominion of some of the debt incurred at the harbor of Montreal, and by lessening the debt on it materially—reducing it from six to four per cent—but it would be hardly fair I think to the rest of the country to do away altogether with those charges which really relate to a very great extent to the ports of Montreal and Quebec. This force sometimes, abnormally, goes to other parts of the country; but it is for