

sequently the business was enlarged and the Company's operations extended over Nova Scotia. Now it is the object of the Society to increase its sphere of usefulness and extend its operations to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I would call the attention of my hon. friend to the fact that there are one or two provisions in this Bill of some importance which I would ask him to consider before it is referred to the Committee after it gets a second reading. I need not specify them here, but one or two leading points, for instance are, he proposes to give by this Bill, if it passes, power to this Company to do what it is already authorized to do by an act of Nova Scotia and also what the Nova Scotia legislature may hereafter authorize it to do. It also, I think, provides that its effect upon property in other provinces shall be the same as if the property were in Nova Scotia. There are one or two little things of that kind I would call my hon. friend's attention to as deserving consideration before referring the Bill to the Committee to which it must go.

HON. MR. ALMON—The Bill was made out very carefully before it came to my hands by two of the most eminent lawyers in Halifax.

HON. MR. MILLER—I presume there will be no objection to the second reading of the bill, and after the attention that has been called to some of its features by the leader of the House it will undergo a close scrutiny by the Committee to whom it will be referred. Therefore there can be no objection to the second reading.

HON. MR. POWER—There is one thing to which I would call my hon. colleague's attention. It is a trifling matter, but I think the Committee had better amend the tenth clause which provides that "a copy of the said act and rule shall, before the transaction of any business by said Society in said provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, be filed in the office of the provincial secretary." By "the said act" is meant the original act of the province

of Nova Scotia, and that is not expressed; and as the clause stands now, it will probably be understood to mean a copy of this act. I just wish to call my hon. colleague's attention to this matter so that the necessary amendment can be made in Committee.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was read the second time.

REPRESENTATION OF THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES IN SENATE, BILL.

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the second reading of bill (17.): "An Act respecting the representation of the North-West Territories in the Senate of Canada." He said: This bill has simply for its object the authorizing of the Government to appoint two members of the Senate to represent the North West Territory. By the act of last session power was taken to give them representation in the other House, but it appears that in the interval between the two sessions they desired also to be represented in this House and to be put on the same footing in that respect as their fellow citizens in other provinces throughout the Dominion, and have so manifested themselves. For that reason the Government have introduced this bill and desire to see it passed. It appears to me that the bill is, in one respect, imperfect. Senators from any other province of the Dominion are required to have a property qualification and there are provisions with regard to their residence. These are provided by Sec. 23 of the British North America Act, but it does not appear to me that the provisions are so general as to be applicable to the North-West Territory unless they are specially made so in the bill. For that reason I intend to move an additional clause to the effect that wherever the word "Province" is used in section 23 of the British North America Act, it shall be construed to mean also the North-West Territories.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.