

rectly, and we propose to do the French language, and our friends who speak the French language a greater justice than they ever received before. The doubt I had was regarding another clause, one we have already passed, about the time the Act should come into operation. However, that has been called to my hon. friend's attention, and I hope, before it leaves this House, his mind will be clearly made up on the point, and if the Act is to go into operation at a period later than the 1st January, then the amendment should be made here, so that we will not be receiving an amendment from the House of Commons by and by in the line which we are pointing out as the one that we think ought to be pursued just now. However, this discussion has brought up another subject in which I feel a very considerable amount of interest; and that is this: section 10 of the Bill before us provides to place the French language in a proper condition in regard to the revised statutes, but from what my hon. friend to my right has read from the Act of 1886, I think there is a doubt as to whether the French language is put in that position with regard to the Acts that we pass here each session. Is there any Act of this parliament or any declaration on the part of this parliament which will give the laws that we are passing this session, the same authority that we are giving in section 10 of this Bill to the revised statutes?

Hon. Mr. POWER—The British North America Act does that.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—From what I have heard, it is not so, and, with regard to the special authorization of the French translation of the Acts that are passed each year, there will still be lacking the authority that we are giving to the French version with regard to the revised statutes.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN (de Lanaudière)—I suppose if the clause is carried in committee, it can be objected to on third reading.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Certainly.

The clause was adopted.

On clause 14,

Hon. Mr. POWER—Before the committee reports, I wish to make one obser-

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vation. Clause 14 provides that this Act shall be printed with the said revised statutes. I have not noticed that there is any provision for printing the British North America Act together with the revised statutes, and I think it is desirable that the British North America Act and the Acts which amend it should be printed in the same volume, and further that there should be a table of contents at the beginning as well as an index at the end of the volume.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—There will be a fourth volume which does not practically belong to the revised statutes, but which embraces what is known as schedule B, which is referred to also in the Acts of 1886. There will also in that volume be the British North America Act and the Acts amending the British North America Act and likewise the index. That will comprise a fair sized volume. It will make four volumes in all.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Before the Bill is reported, I should like to ask the hon. Secretary of State, who is in charge of this committee, that all Bills be printed in French. He must understand that if the law exists, if we have a right to have it, we shall claim it. This Bill has passed the committee stage without being printed in French, but I warn the hon. Secretary of State that in future we will insist on our rights, and will ask that all the Bills which come before us be printed in French, and it will be useless for him to ask the House to go into committee unless the Bill is printed in French.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—My hon. friend is quite within his rights in making that request, but we cannot get the translators to do the work. I have made inquiries about it time and again, and the delay is due to the translators.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Get some other translators.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought he was getting a good, educated Frenchman in the House of Commons to do the work. Well, that man has been a nuisance from time to time. They present a paper to be printed; he revises it, and will tear the whole thing to pieces, and it has all to be set again. It is impossible