

## PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill (86) intituled: "An Act respecting the Ontario and Minnesota Power Company,"

The Honourable Mr. McMullen moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Domville, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The Honourable Mr. Young, in amendment, moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Frost,

That the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be amended as follows:—

Page 1, line 11.—Leave out from "follows:—" to the end of the Bill and substitute the following:—

1. The Company may construct, develop, acquire, own, use and operate the water power now or hereafter existing on the Rainy River at or near the town of Fort Frances, in the district of Rainy River, in the province of Ontario, and construct, develop, operate and maintain works, canals, raceways, water-courses, dams, piers, booms, dykes, sluices, conduits and buildings, in connection with the said power, including any increase of the said power on Rainy River by storage or other works on waters tributary to Rainy Lake which the Company now has or may hereafter have power to construct: Provided that no work authorized by this section shall be commenced until the plans thereof have first been submitted to and approved by the Governor in Council.

2. The Company shall from the said water power, including any increase thereof from time to time provide, power or electrical energy for use on the Canadian side the international boundary line concurrently as it provides power or electrical energy for use in the United States, so that from time to time, except as herein provided, there shall not be less of the said power or electrical energy available for use on the Canadian side of the international boundary line than on the American side; and, subject to the provisions of this Act, such power or electrical energy shall be delivered on the Canadian side as and when demanded.

3. The power house, generators, transmitters, machinery, appliances and connections necessary for the delivery by the Company of such power or electrical energy for use on the Canadian side of the international boundary line shall be on the Canadian side thereof.

4. In case of any dispute as to the price for power or electrical energy in use or to be provided for use upon the Canadian side of the said international boundary line, or the methods of distribution thereof, or the time within which or the conditions upon which the same shall be furnished for use, such dispute shall, notwithstanding the provisions of section 13 of the Railway Act, 1903, be settled by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada on the application of any user or applicant for power, or of the Company, or of the town of Fort Frances.

5. No part of the power or electrical energy to be provided under this Act for use upon the Canadian side of the said boundary line shall be diverted to or used in the United States without the order of the said Board of Railway Commissioners made on an application of which two weeks notice in writing shall have been served upon the Mayor and Clerk of the town of Fort Frances, or, in the absence of either one of them, upon a member of the Town Council in his stead.

6. The said Board of Railway Commissioners shall have full jurisdiction to inquire into and hear and determine any application of the Company for leave to make such diversion, and if, and so often as, it appears to the said Board on such an application that there is not a reasonable prospect of the utilization within a reasonable time of power or electrical energy unemployed, though actually available for use, on the Canadian side of the international boundary line, the court shall make an order permitting the diversion of the whole or part of such unemployed power, or electrical energy, and may impose such terms and conditions, including the fixing of the time during which such diversion may continue, as the Board may deem expedient.