

the Government from a great many counties in New Brunswick.

Mr. DOHERTY: It is at the instance of the people promoting those petitions that this legislation is proposed.

Mr. CARVELL: There are petitions asking for the repeal of the Canada Temperance Act, in order that the prohibitory Act of New Brunswick may come into force, and this Order in Council will make unnecessary the holding of an election in these respective counties, but we can have the Prohibition Act brought into force by means of passing this Order in Council.

Mr. DOHERTY: The petitions for this provision came from other provinces, but principally from New Brunswick, and I intend to move an amendment to this section, to make it quite clear that this applies not only to petitions which are received after this Bill becomes law, but also to pending petitions. I am not quite sure that it is necessary.

Mr. CARVELL: Make it as strong as possible.

Mr. DOHERTY: If it is good for a petition received to-morrow, it is good for a petition which came in last week. I move that we amend section 4 (c) of section 3, by adding the words:

The present subsection shall apply to petitions already made, and upon which no polling has as yet taken place.

Mr. CARVELL: That is all right.

Amendment agreed to, and subsection as amended agreed to.

On subsection 4 (d)—Penalty for selling alcoholic beverages as medicines not to affect liability under provincial laws:

Mr. DOHERTY: That is only to meet the complications that have arisen. We have provisions in the Proprietary Medicines Act imposing penalties where, under guise of proprietary medicines, decoctions containing more than a certain amount of alcohol are sold. There have been cases where such preparations were purely and simply alcoholic beverages, and some of the courts have held that because of the provisions in the Proprietary Medicines Act the party could not be prosecuted under the Prohibition Act of the province. Under the last-mentioned Act the penalty is heavier than under the Proprietary Medicines Act, and this enactment simply means that the penalties imposed under the Proprietary Medicines Act could not be treated as in substi-

tion for penalties in cases where the same act constituted the violation of the provincial law; so that, where an act is a violation of the Proprietary Medicines Act and a violation of the Provincial Prohibitory Act, you may prosecute under the one Act or the other.

Section agreed to.

Bill as amended reported, and read the third time and passed.

On motion of Sir George Foster, the House adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

### Monday, August 13, 1917.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

#### REPORTS AND PAPERS.

Appendix to the Report of the Minister of Agriculture. Experimental Farms. Reports from the Director; Division of Chemistry; Division of Field Husbandry; Division of Animal Husbandry—for the year ended March 31, 1916.—Hon. Mr. Burrell.

Appendix to the Report of the Minister of Agriculture. Experimental Farms. Reports from the Division of Botany; Division of Bees; Division of Forage Plants; Division of Poultry; Division of Tobacco; Division of Illustration Stations; Division of Extension and Publicity—for the year ended March 31, 1916.—Hon. Mr. Burrell.

Appendix to the Report of the Minister of Agriculture. Experimental Farms. Reports from the Division of Horticulture. Division of Cereals—for the year ended March 31, 1916.—Hon. Mr. Burrell.

#### THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

##### INTERIM BALANCE SHEET AND OTHER STATEMENTS PRESENTED.

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Minister of Finance): On Friday last the hon. member for South Renfrew (Mr. Graham) asked for information as to payments made by the Canadian Northern Railway Company on interest account under section 29 of the Act of 1914. I beg to lay upon the Table a statement showing that the interest has been paid in full to March 1, 1917, and that the next payment of interest is due on September 1, 1917. I also beg to lay upon the Table the following statements in respect of the Canadian Northern railway:

1. Interim Condensed Balance Sheet as at April 30, 1917.