

clauses. There are very important clauses in this Bill some of which are absolutely unobjectionable, clauses which were unanimously accepted by the House of Commons and which will be found equally satisfactory to this House; so as we have still an hour and one-quarter at our disposal to tackle that heavy piece of legislation, we should go as far as the time would permit us.

Hon. Mr. BAKER—I submit that the explanation of my hon. friend makes confusion worse confounded, and adds another reason why we should cry a halt. To admit that the legislation, cannot be justified, but begging the Senate to pass it in the meantime in order that it may be amended and licked into shape at some future time—

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I did not say that.

Hon. Mr. BAKER—The proposition is so objectionable, that I do not see how it can receive the support of the independent members of the Senate. We are all perfectly independent here; we have no occasion to pander to the prejudices of any class of subjects in the Dominion. I say the Bill is so objectionable that it would be wise and better, and more consistent with the dignity of the Senate if the consideration of it were stopped at this very point. Having stated my opinion of the Bill however, I am perfectly ready to withdraw the motion with the permission of the Senate, and allow the government to blunder on with their legislation.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The objection taken by my hon. friend to referring the Bill to Committee of the Whole, attacks the Bill itself in its present form.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—We are discussing the principle.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—That is the proper motion to make. We cannot accept the amendments that we do not understand. The Bill is not in a good form to-day; it may be put in a good form in committee, but as the Bill stands now, and my hon. friend's motion is directed against the Bill as it stands now, it is very objectionable. Clause 4, provides:

4. Every person who does, in Canada, anything for the purpose of causing or procuring the publication or circulation by advertisement

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or otherwise, in a country outside of Canada, of false representations as to the opportunities of employment in Canada, or as to the state of the labour market in Canada, intended or adapted to encourage or induce the immigration into Canada, of persons resident in that country, or who does anything in Canada for the purpose of causing or procuring the communication to any resident in such country of any such false representations, shall, if such false representations are thereafter so published, circulated or communicated, be guilty of an offence, and liable, on summary conviction before two justices of the peace, to a penalty of not more than one thousand dollars and not less than fifty dollars for each and every such offence.

I understand that the government to-day is willing to withdraw the clause and substitute another for it, but that has not been proposed yet, and as the Bill comes to-day before the committee, the hon. gentleman from Bedford (Mr. Baker) is perfectly justified in asking for a division of the Senate on the Bill containing that and other clauses. The hon. Secretary of State said he intended, when the next clause was under discussion, to substitute the authority of the Governor in Council for the authority for the minister alone. Clause 5, is as follows:—

5. In every case where the parliament of Canada since the first day of January, 1903, has authorized or hereafter authorizes the construction at the public expense, or has aided or hereafter aids by gift of money or land or by loan or guarantee or other valuable consideration, the construction of a railway or any portion thereof, it shall be unlawful to let or sublet the work of such construction to any alien, or to any corporation not incorporated under legislation of Canada or of a province, and the majority of the directors and the majority in value of the shareholders of which, are not British subjects, or to employ or suffer to be employed on said work any person who is not at the time of his employment a British subject, or a person bona fide domiciled in Canada and so domiciled for at least six months continuously immediately prior to such employment, or who is not certified to by the Department of the Interior as having come to Canada as an immigrant intending in good faith to settle in Canada, unless the minister is satisfied that there is not available sufficient unemployed Canadian labour to enable the work to be properly prosecuted and performed within the time limited by law or by contract, or there is some other reason deemed by the Governor in Council sufficient in the public interest: in which case, and in so far as the minister may deem it necessary, and for any particular portion or portions of the work, and for any specified period or periods, and as to any particular number of persons, the minister may consent in writing to the employment of persons whose employment would otherwise be unlawful. The term 'construction' shall include work of surveys and all other work preliminary or incidental to actual construction. For every wilful violation of any of the pro-