

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Stand until next session.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Until this evening?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, until next session. There has been more done for the hon. gentleman than for any member of either House. He has taken up a great deal of my time and made me a nuisance with many of the departments by the way I have been hammering at them, all on his account.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I will have those questions answered before I leave.

The motion was allowed to stand.

QUEBEC BRIDGE COMMISSION REPORT.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Before the orders of the day are called, I should like to know if appendices No. 1 and 2 of the report of the Quebec Bridge Commission are available? They have all the other appendices. We are told that these appendices form part of another volume, but I cannot find that volume.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I suppose it is at the Printing Bureau.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—It ought to have been printed long ago.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I will inquire and let the hon. gentleman know.

PROPRIETARY OR PATENT MEDICINES BILL.

THIRD READING.

The House resumed in Committee of the Whole, consideration of Bill (146) An Act respecting Proprietary or Patent Medicines.

(In the Committee.)

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN—The object in holding over clause 14 was for the purpose of providing means whereby retail merchants could dispose of the balance of their stock of patent medicines on hand at the time of the passage of this Act. No doubt country merchants will be caught with a considerable stock of such goods on

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hand when this Act comes in force. I have discussed the point with the Minister of Inland Revenue, and we have come to a decision that, with the approval of the committee, clause 17 should be amended in this way. The clause reads: 'The Governor in Council may make such regulations for giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act,' and it is proposed to add after the word 'Act' the following: 'In respect of the sale of patent or proprietary medicines in the hands of the retail merchant at the time of the coming into force of this Act.' He suggests that, and it has been changed under the direction of the solicitor. He thinks that should meet the difficulty.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The amendment should read, not at the time of the Act coming into force, but at the passage of the Act. They might load up before the Act is put in force.

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN—That is better. We probably could not agree here as to what would be a reasonable time. The clause 17 leaves it to the Governor in Council to make regulations.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I have no objection to the amendment; it throws the responsibility on the Governor in Council.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Will not the effect of the amendment passed last night be to render it almost impossible for a druggist to put up a prescription? I so understand from people engaged in the trade. If that will be the effect, we had better change the title of the Bill and call it: 'An Act for the protection of the Medical Profession.'

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The amendment before the House deals with another point altogether.

Hon. Mr. KERR—The amendment will only give rise to trouble. What is the meaning of the expression, 'being in their hands?' I think it should mean in stock.

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL—If they bought by contract, they could not have a large stock in their storage.