

was at fault as to the numerous corrections recently complained of, and found the translator was not to blame.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON said he had not seen the printer, but only his foreman to-day, who assured him they were making all the speed possible with all the hands they could find. He said they were not very far behind with the general work, still he (Mr. S.) did not like these daily delays. As to the translator, he thought, there was some fault with him. By some blundering the bill did not reach the printer in the right time. Mr. Taylor blamed the translator to some extent. The committee were doing their best to get the work pushed forward, but Mr. Taylor had not strength enough to make all the haste desired. He was willing to pay extra or any wages for skilled labour. He had written to Mr. Taylor, who promised this bill should be here to-day. He could do no more.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT said—I see by the proceedings in another place that this bill was read a second time, sent to a Committee of the Whole, amended, read a third time and passed forthwith. It authorises a special committee of the other House to consider one of the gravest charges that could possibly have been brought before Parliament. Now, I think some steps should be taken here to expedite the passage of this bill into law as quickly as possible.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—So we will. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. WILMOT—I think there has been ample time since the 21st inst. to have had it before us now. I speak totally regardless of party feeling in the matter. Every man in this country who has any desire to maintain its integrity and honesty should say that so grave a charge as has been made in the other House should be wiped out as speedily as possible.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT—I cannot imagine such a charge should be sustained, but I must say if I was a member of the Government I would court enquiry immediately.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—So we have.

Hon. Mr. WILMOT—I should at once remove such a charge against any Government that exists, for the fair fame of the country is dependent upon it. I hope no such charge as the acceptance of money to corrupt the constituencies of the country can be established, for the wellbeing and future prosperity of the Dominion. But everything possible should be done to have this bill for an enquiry passed into law forthwith.

Hon. Mr. ARMAND said he desired all possible expedition, too, but it was not desirable to proceed without a copy of it. The printer was again behind, and though he had received much indulgence, including better conditions than his predecessors. If he could not give us those measures in time, other printers should be entrusted with the work. He objected to proceed without knowing the provisions of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. CHRISTIE said—I hope the honorable gentleman will not press his objection. Though the Bill was not printed at the time, the House of Commons passed it through all its stages, because it was felt, as my honorable friend from New Brunswick (Senator Wilmot) has so ably expressed it, that the gravest possible charge had been brought against the Government of this country, and that it was necessary for the fair fame of this country that this charge should be disposed of as soon as possible—that every possible facility should be afforded for the passage of this measure into law. I really hope this opposition to immediate action will not prevail. I am quite sure the Government themselves must feel the absolute necessity, at the very earliest day possible, of absolving themselves from the accusation brought against them, and of which it is to be hoped they are innocent. It would be a calamity of the greatest kind that any Government of this country should be convicted of the offence—the very grave crime charged against them in another place. I hope the opposition will be withdrawn, and the example of the House of Commons followed here. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. DICKEY—I am rather surprised at the manner or tone in which this matter is pitched, by the hon. gentleman who spoke last, for what object I know not. Why is it we are asked to consider a bill we have never seen? I do not know whether the charges be true, says my hon. friend, but they are very important. The more necessary, then, the bill should be in the hands of all hon. members. Therefore, I was not surprised at the opposition of my hon. friend when the bill was printed neither in English nor French. The Hon. Senator who had spoken in his indignation seemed to have forgotten to state what was only fair, that the Committee on this subject was sought for and obtained on the motion of the hon. leader of the Government. (Hear, hear.) The hon. gentleman (Senator Christie) himself had admitted that, so anxious was the Premier for an investigation, that the bill was put through all its