

Hon. Mr. MACFARLANE — I think there is a great improvement this session in the manner in which Government bills have been introduced. In reference to the subject under discussion, I must say, with all deference to the hon. gentleman who introduced this Bill, that I was very much surprised when I learned that the amendments which had been made to it in the Commons had been concurred in by this House. I venture to say that not one member in ten was aware that the Bill had been returned until the amendments had been concurred in by the Senate.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT — I explained them, at all events.

Hon. Mr. MACFARLANE — I am sure if a majority of the members had known the character of the amendments they would have been fully discussed, and, I venture to say, they would not have been sanctioned by the Senate.

Hon. Mr. RYAN — I can only concur in the remarks of my hon. friend from Wallace that I, who had taken some interest in the Bill, was entirely ignorant of the changes which had been made with regard to the Pacific cable.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT — I am quite sure that I mentioned the fact that the word "Asiatic" had been added to the title.

Hon. Mr. RYAN — I should have objected at that time to giving such powers to a company with such a small capital, and whose intention, as explained to Parliament in the first place, was to lay a cable across the Atlantic.

Hon. Mr. CARVELL — It occurs to me that this discussion is not entirely fair. The measure passed here in a full House, and that occurred as early as Wednesday of last week. Hon. gentlemen had a full opportunity of ascertaining all about it and stating their objections. Now, when there is but a fragment of the Chamber left, this attempt to cast reflections upon the Company shows that there is something more than momentary ignorance of hon. gentlemen in reference to this matter, at the bottom of the opposition. It seems to me to be a most extraordinary course. The way it strikes me is that it is not this House that has been disappointed,

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but that a power outside of this House and outside of this country has been disappointed. Jay Gould has been disappointed — the Anglo-American Company has been disappointed.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT — Hear ! hear ! No doubt about it.

Hon. Mr. CARVELL — The Anglo-American Company, which we are struggling against in the eastern provinces, would have been strengthened if this Bill had been defeated. In reference to the amendments made to the Bill in the House of Commons, I knew of them, and I knew that it was proposed to make them. To my mind they were unnecessary, because the Bill as originally framed spoke of "the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere." I thought that covered the whole ground, but it was thought that there might be a doubt about it, and, therefore, the places where they might go were specified. This Parliament has incorporated a highly respectable body of gentlemen, the strongest list of corporators that I ever saw anywhere, in preference to giving a monopoly for twenty years to a single individual, who may barter it, possibly where it would do us most harm.

## THE SUPPLY BILL.

### THIRD READING.

A message was received from the House of Commons with a Bill intituled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the public service for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1881, and the 30th June, 1882, and for other purposes relating to the public service."

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL — I do not propose to enter into a discussion of the Supply Bill, nor have I been in the habit of doing so. The granting of supplies to Her Majesty is the peculiar attribute of the House of Commons, and, although it is quite open to us to enter into a review of all that the Bill affects, still I have never seen anything to be gained by that, and, so far as I am myself concerned, I prefer to merely move the second reading of the Bill. I move that