

hind the throne which can influence these things. What that power is I do not know; but, if our legislation had moved a little more slowly, I might have had an opportunity of pressing the re-introduction of that clause.

Hon. Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL—If the clause was in the Bill originally, the House of Commons probably discussed it and struck it out. It does not follow, because the Harbor Commissioners desire it, that the House would pass it.

Hon. Mr. RYAN—I am afraid that the other House had it under consideration in the hurried way that we had it.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—The clause was one regulating towage; could we have introduced such a clause here?

Hon. Mr. RYAN—It was not increasing taxation, it was giving the Harbor Commissioners power to take steps to reduce the rates, and to enable them to make private contracts with individual towers.

Hon. Dr. BROUSE—This towage is done by a private company at Kingston.

Hon. Mr. RYAN—This is for another service altogether; it is for the lower St. Lawrence.

Hon. Mr. PENNY—Last year, a Bill was introduced by the Government with this towage clause in it, and I understand that the measure came to this House exactly as it was passed by the House of Commons, and was changed here.

Hon. Mr. RYAN—That shews plainly that this House has the right to deal with the question.

Hon. Mr. PENNY—There is no doubt about that at all. My hon. friend (Mr. Ryan) and myself, who were very anxious about this matter, were exceedingly surprised to find, at the close of last session, that one of the most important clauses in the Bill had been eliminated, and this session it has disappeared in a most mysterious manner again.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—I cannot let this Supply Bill pass without congratulating the present Government on having begun to do justice to the Pro-

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vince of Quebec. Looking over the Estimates and the Public Accounts for four or five years past, I find that the public money has been given away to other Provinces; that, while Quebec has been receiving shillings, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended on public works in other provinces of the Dominion. As a representative from the Province of Quebec, I cannot help, under the circumstances, congratulating the Government on having thought fit to give to our Province a comparatively fair share of the public money. I congratulate, especially, the Minister of Public Works on this change. It shews the advantage there is of having in the Government members representing the several provinces of the Dominion. Since the Department of Public Works has been presided over by a representative from Quebec, our Province has been treated better, and received from the present Government a fair share of the public money for expenditure on public works.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second and third times and passed.

THE PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT.

Hon. Dr. BROUSE, in the absence of Hon. Mr. SIMPSON, presented the sixteenth report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, and moved that it be adopted.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT objected to the reception of the report. He said that the House was likely to get into great confusion by adopting it under the circumstances. It was quite impossible for him (Mr. Scott) to comprehend it without having time to read it, and he objected to its reception without due notice.

Hon. Mr. AIKINS rose to explain the nature of the report.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said he did not care what the circumstances were. He had submitted to enough. He had taken no exception to the legislation of this House; but he did not think that the Senate should swallow everything. He was not prepared either to look into the subject or to discuss it.