

reason now that the monopoly is removed, that the incorporation should not be under the Electric Cable Companies Act—why there should be special legislation at all?

Mr. LANGEVIN. We are of opinion that special incorporation under the powers asked here, would be the proper thing under the circumstances. The general Act is not considered sufficient, or perhaps certain modifications would be required in the Bill. When it is introduced and printed, hon. gentlemen will see whether there may not be certain provisions that are not required here, because they will have to be made specially. The idea is to secure for Canada that telegraphic communication with Asia which we may not obtain, or which we may only obtain with great difficulty, if we delay the matter any longer. I shall have great pleasure in showing the hon. gentleman the correspondence, and when he sees it, perhaps he will agree with me that it would be inadvisable in the public interests to publish it at once.

Mr. BLAKE. My suggestion was not made with the slightest idea of causing delay, but I think it a sound principle not to have recourse to a special Act if the work can be accomplished by the general law. I would like to ask if it is intended to depart from the provision of the Cable Act with regard to the prohibition, upon the granting of the charter, with reference to those companies who insist upon maintaining exclusive rights elsewhere.

Mr. LANGEVIN. No.

Mr. BLAKE. So that if exclusive rights had been obtained in Japan, it would be incumbent upon the projected corporators not to insist upon those exclusive powers?

Sir ALBERT J. SMITH. I should like to know if the hon. Minister can give us any reason for the Government introducing a special measure for Mr. Fleming and his friends, when others are not so favored?

Mr. CURRIER. I should like to know upon what footing the Bill, for the incorporation of the other company, will stand; whether it will be allowed to pass, and if the two Bills will be on the same footing. Also, if there will be any deposit?

Mr. LANGEVIN. There will be no deposit in either case. The Bill to which he refers will come before the Railway Committee, where I have no doubt it will receive that justice which the Committee accords to all measures which come before them. In reply to the hon. member for Westmoreland, I may say that I think if he looks at the general Act he will find that this company could not be incorporated under it. As I stated before, the Government thought, and they still believe that it would be in the interests of the Dominion that we should ask these powers.

Mr. BLAKE. I understood my hon. friend to say at the beginning, in answer to my question, that the elimination of the monopoly clause was intended substantially to indicate that it would not be the policy of the Government to obstruct the incorporation of other companies. That is his first position. I think that is wholly satisfactory so far. I think it will equally follow from that view, that as a general principle, when the Government is proceeding to consider the provisions of proposed incorporations for other companies, they will put them on the same footing as this company. There are some things in his Bill that are objectionable. There are some things the hon. Minister proposes to introduce that may be objectionable, but I think it will follow naturally from the view that there is to be no monopoly, that there is to be no preferential advantages of one company over another.

Mr. CAMERON (Victoria). The removal of the monopoly clause from the resolutions removes the objections to the Bill, as I stated to the House the other day when the

matter was before it. I would suggest to my hon. friend that the question that has now been raised, will be more definitely discussed after the Minister of Public Works introduces the Bill which he proposes to do. When it comes up for discussion in the ordinary course, the Bill of my hon. friend will have passed the Railway Committee, and will then be before the House. We will be in a position to see just what rights and powers Parliament has thought fit to grant to the company incorporated by the Bill which he has in charge. I am quite sure the feeling of the House is, that no preferential advantage should be given to any one. I may say that, since the discussion on the subject the other day, I have had some communication with Mr. Fleming and some conversation with him about it. I am told that Mr. Fleming has devoted a good deal of time and labor to this matter, and, in so far as I can judge, in a most disinterested manner. If it is necessary that powers should be taken by the Government to incorporate himself and associates in the manner proposed at present, I see no objection to it, the exclusive privilege being eliminated.

Mr. BLAKE. I suppose the real truth of the matter is, that the Administration made this arrangement with Mr. Fleming, which would probably have been carried out in all its entirety had it not been affected by this resolution. It is obvious that if Mr. Fleming was now called upon to proceed by Private Bill, he could not get a Private Bill, and I think, with my hon. friend, that he should not be in a worse position than if he petitioned for a Private Bill.

Resolutions reported as amended, and concurred in.

Mr. LANGEVIN introduced a Bill founded on said resolutions, which was read the first time.

It being Six o'clock the Speaker left the Chair.

AFTER RECESS.

THE NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY ACT, 1877.

Mr. McCARTHY moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 10) to remove doubts as to the true construction of section 12 of "The Northern Railway Act, 1877."

Mr. BUNTING moved in amendment:

That the House resolve itself into Committee on this Bill this day six months.

Amendment negatived on the following division:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

Allison,	Charlton,	Paterson (Brant),
Béchar, d,	Coupal,	Pickard,
Bergin,	Currier,	Robertson (Shelburne),
Bill,	Fleming,	Rogers,
Blake,	Flynn,	Rymal,
Borden,	Gunn,	Scriver,
Boulbee,	Haddow,	Snowball,
Bourassa,	Holton,	Stephenson,
Brown,	Kilvert,	Thompson,
Bunting,	Laurier,	Tilley,
Curpee (Sunbury),	McDonald (Vict., N.S.),	Trow,
Cameron (Huron),	Mackenzie,	Wallace (Norfolk),
Casey,	Mills,	Wright.—41.
Casgrain,	Mongenais,	

NAYS:

Messieurs

Arkell,	Girouard (Kent),	Manson,
Beauchesne,	Grandbois,	Masson,
Bergeron,	Hackett,	Massue,
Bolduc,	Hay,	Merner,
Bowell,	Hilliard,	Montplaisir,
Brecken,	Hooper,	Mousseau,
Brooks,	Jackson,	Muttart,
Burnham,	Kaulbach,	Patterson (Essex),