

House for having taken time to discuss this matter, but I think it is most urgent, particularly as a decision is to be given tomorrow. I was speaking to Mr. Brady and told him not to proceed or I would go for him in the House. There was no tender at all; they simply went there and ordered the work to begin; a few thousand dollars were spent and Sir Hormisdas Laporte went down and stopped the work. I think the matter is going to be brought up in the other House by an honourable gentleman from Quebec, Mr. Vien.

Hon. Mr. L'ESPERANCE: As the honourable gentleman called my attention to this matter coming up on the train, I am pleased to second what he has said in regard to it. There is no doubt that Lévis, which is a big railway terminal, is in great need of a station. The station there was burned some five years ago, just a few months prior to the declaration of war. Plans were immediately prepared on an extensive scale, to provide Lévis, which is the terminal not only for Lévis but for the city of Quebec, with station facilities. On account of the war these plans were put aside, and no building was put up except a temporary structure which I have no hesitation in saying is a disgrace not only to that place but I think to all Canada. There is a shed used for passenger traffic that I am sure no respectable man would use to lodge his servants in. We have endured that for the last five years.

I do not know anything with regard to the other matter to which my honourable friend has called attention except what he has told me—that it is contemplated to make some temporary repairs to the old station, a station which existed there some twenty years ago, before the station that burned was constructed. I do not know what this honourable House can do about the matter. The National railways are today in the hands of a Board which is entrusted with the full management. If it will serve the purpose, I have no hesitation in accepting my honourable friend's word. I think the proper procedure is to take the matter up with the Board, and I would advise my honourable friend to wire the President of the Board, Mr. Hanna, as well as Sir Hormisdas Laporte. I will join in the prayer.

Hon. Mr. TESSIER: It happens that this station is in the district which I represent in this House, and I should like to say that I am fully in accord with the remarks made by the gentlemen, who have preceded me.

It is remarkable that when one travels over the Intercolonial railway and arrives in New Brunswick or in Nova Scotia, he sees handsome stations there; and when one compares them with what one sees in the province and district of Quebec, one cannot help feeling that we have been very badly treated, especially at Point Lévis, which is one of the most important points of traffic. Anybody would be ashamed of the station there; it is a dirty hole; and, as my honourable friend says, we want, not a temporary station, but a real good station that will be a credit to the Government, the Railway Commission, and the country.

LOCATION OF RAILWAYS BILL.

CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE AND REPORTED.

On motion of Hon. Sir James Lougheed, the Senate went into Committee on Bill L2, an Act to amend the Railway Act (Location of Railways). Hon. Mr. Murphy in the Chair.

Subsections 1 and 2 of section 1 were agreed to.

On subsection 3 of section 1—approval; alterations:

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: I should like to have an explanation why the words "subject to the Special Act" are put in in this case. The clause in the Consolidated Railway Act passed by the House this session had no reference whatever to it. There seems to be some particular object for this change being made.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The words "Special Act" are in section 157 of chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes. It simply means that regard must be had to the Special Act. That is to say, the Board, in approving a map and location, shall of course keep before it the Special Act. Subsection 3 of section 157 of the Act is precisely the same as this.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: I take it that this is for any railway, and not for Government railways alone.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Oh, every railway.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: This is on all fours with a Bill which I had the honour to present in this House when I first came here. I am sure the late Senator Davis would turn in his grave with delight because the Government has seen fit to incorporate this in the Bill. We always claimed that maps of locations should be filed so