

Bill and Bill (No. 75) should be put through this session.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE—If the Premier of Canada wishes it, they shall go through as far as I am concerned, but I do not know why the Premier of Canada delegates his powers to the ex-leader instead of to the leader of this House.

Hon. Mr. POWER—These Bills are desirable, but it is inadvisable that the Senate should pass them, creating a new offence, without knowing what they are doing. I rise for the purpose of suggesting that the usual parliamentary course be taken—that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole House for consideration.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

On clause 1,

1. Section 285 of the Criminal Code is amended by inserting the words 'motor vehicle, automobile, or other' before the word 'vehicle' in the third line.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—I presume that as the section of the Act will read now, any person who is guilty of furious driving with an automobile will be liable to two years' imprisonment if he does harm to any one. So many accidents have been caused by furious driving of automobiles, and the persons in charge of them have shown so little consideration for those they have injured, that I think the penalty is none too great for cases of the kind. With regard to the other clause, the penalty seems comparatively light.

The clause was agreed to.

On clause 2,

2. The said Code is amended by inserting the following section immediately after section 285:

285a. The owner and driver and person in charge, or owner or driver or person in charge, of any motor vehicle commonly called and known as an automobile, which causes a horse to run away or shy or bolt and thereby occasion bodily injury to any person, is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to two years' imprisonment.

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further. There are many cases where horses are frightened and injury is done through the furious driving of automobiles and very little attention is paid by the offender to those he has injured. Many cases have occurred where horses have been frightened and vehicles broken and their occupants injured. Perhaps some legal gentleman can tell me whether an action would lie under this clause against the party who caused the damage?

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—This, I understand, would not exempt any driver or proprietor of an automobile from such penalties as they would be now liable to. This is an additional penalty.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—This makes provision for punishment by fine and imprisonment, which is not now provided for in the criminal law.

Hon. Mr. FORGET—It is only if the person who is driving the automobile does not stop. Recently, in Montreal, an automobile which was driven at a furious rate across the bridge killed a young lady. The driver did not stop, and it was some time afterwards before he was discovered and arrested. Under this clause, the driver must stop, and give his card.

The clause was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. POWER, from the committee, reported Bill without amendment.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

#### CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

#### FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (No. 75) An Act to amend the Criminal Code.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Sir RICHARD SCOTT moved the second reading of the Bill. He said: The object of this Bill is to punish any person who takes a motor car without the consent of the owner and uses it. Many accidents have been caused by the furious driving of persons who have taken automobiles out in this way without the consent of their owners.