

**Order and Procedure, Questions of—Con.****BILLS, AMT. TO (Vancouver Dock Co. B.)**

On this Bill, two points arose:—

1. Mr. McInnes having *m. an Amt.*, precluding a subsidy being granted by Dominion Govt., Mr. Miller raised the question that such an Amt. interferes with the constitutional right of Govt. to initiate money votes in H. of Commons. In the debate, this point was more than once referred to, but no decision was taken, the Amt. being finally put, and lost, 190.
2. Mr. Bellerose *m. a sub-Amt.*, striking out the entire clause authorizing subsidies, 184. In the ensuing debate, Mr. Howlan raised the ques. of Order, that the sub-Amt. (on a 3rd R.) required Notice, 187. The point was discussed at length.

**RULING** (the Speaker): The sub-Amt. is really an Amt. (to the B.) and cannot be put without Notice, 190.

**BILLS, AMT. TO**, which have not yet reached the Senate. (Dominion Elections Act). Notice of Amt. placed on Order Paper by Mr. McInnes (B.C.), objected to (Mr. Miller), 495; point discussed, 495-7.

**RULING** (the Speaker): Amt. cannot be moved unless B. is before the House, and same Rule would apply to a Notice, which is irregular and should be struck out, 506.

— **AMT. TO**; **M. FOR, NOT ALLOWED.**

On 6th Report of Ry. Com. on Baie des Chaleurs Ry. Co.'s B. (82), and M. (Mr. Vidal) for its adoption. Objection (Mr. Ross) to Mr. Power's repeated speaking to the question, 578. Mr. Power desiring to *m. an Amt.* **RULING** (the Speaker): On the same ground, the hon. gentleman is not in order in moving an Amt., 578.

**BILLS, GOVT., PROCEEDING WITH, DELAY IN.**

On 3rd R. of Dominion Elections Act Amt. B.; Mr. McInnes (B.C.), on dropping Amt., of which he had given Notice (against canvassing by Govt. officials), owing to late hour of the session, pointed out that this Govt. measure only reached Senate 3½ months after introduction in Commons, 652.

On M. (Mr. Abbott) for suspension of 41st Rule (for 2nd R. of Dom. Lands Act Amt. B.); Mr. Power protested against practice of bringing Govt. Bs. down in last days of session, 665; in reply, the Premier pointed to the amount of legislation accomplished, 666.

**PROCEEDING WITH UNDUE HASTE.**

In Com., on Bill of Exchange Act Amt. B.; remarks: Mr. Power, 68, 70—Mr. Kaulbach, 69—Mr. Abbott, 70; consideration postponed, 73.

**PROCEEDING WITHOUT NOTICE.**

On 1st R., of *modus vivendi* B. Mr. Power objected to Mr. Abbott's Notice of 2nd R., *to-morrow*, 40, 41; discussed: Messrs. Miller, Vidal, Abbott, 41; 2nd R., *to-morrow*, ordered, 41.

On further stages, Mr. Power objected to B. passing, unless information asked for were given; but he did not press his objection, 52, 57.

**BILLS, MANUFACTURING CO.'S.**; reference to Com. On Pembroke Lumber Co., and McKay Milling Co. Bs.; ques. being raised as to reference to Private Bs. Com., or Banking and Commerce Com., decision: (the Premier) that such Bs., affecting commerce, should go to the latter Com.; agreed to, 163.

— **PROCEDURE ON.** See also "Committees."

— **PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, definition of.**

On 2nd Report Ry. Com. (Baie des Chaleurs Ry. B.), in the lengthy debate (pp. 365-390) it was held on one side and denied on the other, that, on account of the Ry's large public subsidies, the B. was practically a public one, and could not, as in the case of Private Bs., be withdrawn from Com. by mere request of promoters. No ruling of Speaker was asked or given, but the report of Com. was adopted on divn., 390.

— See also "Ruling on conceded point."

— **RECEIVED WITHOUT PETITIONS.**

On M. to refer B. (60) to Standing Orders Com., no Petition having been presented, the necessity for adherence to the Rules was discussed, 208-9.

On a similar M. respecting B. (86), the matter was further discussed, 209-10.

— **WITHDRAWAL OF, BY PROMOTERS.** See "Committees," below.

**COMMITTEES, INVESTIGATING DUTIES OF.**

On the Baie des Chaleurs Ry. Co.'s B., it was contended in debate that a Special Com., and not the Ry. Com., should investigate alleged misappropriation of subsidies; but no ruling was taken. See pp. 371, 571.

— **PROCEEDINGS; ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES.**

On 2nd Report of Ry. Com. (Baie des Chaleurs Ry. B.), that Mr. Armstrong had failed to obey its notice to attend. Objection was made, by Mr. Scott, that at the time witness was summoned, the Com. had not been authorized to summon him, 366. Mr. Miller pointed out that the Com. could only give an informal notice; but that, the witness having neglected such notice, should now be summoned by the House, 367. After a divn. upon the report, an order to witness to attend the Com. was made, 390-1.

On 4th Report of Com., that he refused to answer questions, 440; witness summoned to Bar of the House, 441; promised to answer, and was allowed to withdraw, 442.

6th Report of Com., reporting non-attendance of various witnesses (but without any recommendation thereon) presented and adoption *m.* (Mr. Vidal), 569; discussed, and adopted, 578.

— **PROCEEDINGS OF, REFERENCE TO, IN DEBATE.**

On 2nd Report of Ry. Com. on Baie des Chaleurs Ry. B., which report the Chairman and others claimed was defective; **RULING**: No reference in discussion should be made to Com's proceedings, which are not before the House, 370.