

the report of the committee, should have ordered it printed; but instead of the Senate ordering the printing of the Bill as amended, the committee has done that on its own responsibility and really had no authority. I am merely pointing this out to show the irregularity which has followed the introduction of the report of the committee and the proceedings of the House. The Speaker will understand the point to which the hon. senator from Stadacona has called the House, and on reading this clause hon. gentlemen will see where the irregularities are. How that is to be got over I am not prepared to say. With the consent of the House, I suppose we can order the original Bill to be placed in the hands of the committee so that it will be on file and the amendments attached to it, so that in considering the report of the committee now, either in committee or by the House, they would not have the original Bill before them.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—The committee, in submitting their report, recommended that the Bill be reprinted as it was amended, and a copy of the Bill as reprinted, with the old Bill was submitted with the report.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The committee should have reported that.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—They did report that; they submitted a copy of the Bill as re-printed with the old Bill attached to it.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The report of the committee reads as follows:

Your committee recommend that the Bill be amended with the printed re-draft herewith submitted.

But the Bill has not been amended like that. What was sent here was a re-draft of the Bill, and it has not been amended to conform with the printed draft. So that the Bill that has been sent by this House to the committee stands in the same position as when it left here. It is not amended according to the re-draft. I do not know if it came back here, but if it did; it came without the amendments being attached to it. On the face of the report itself it is understood that the Bill is not amended yet, but that the committee recommend the Bill be amended to conform with the re-draft.

Hon. Mr. ELLIS—Could we amend it according to that instruction?

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT—It seems to me the procedure was departed from. This was a public Bill, and in the ordinary course of procedure would have been referred to a Committee of the Whole. I have not the proceedings before me, but if I recollect rightly what was done, when the Bill was read the second time, it was not referred to a Committee of the Whole, but it was understood and agreed to by the House that instead of the Committee of the Whole dealing with the Bill, it should be dealt with by the Committee on Banking and Commerce, so as to afford an opportunity for the various parties who desire to be heard to appear. It was felt that the Committee of the Whole could not hear the parties, and that it was much more convenient that that should be done in the Committee on Banking and Commerce. I take it, therefore, that there was a consent of this House that for the time being the Committee of the Whole was to be replaced by the Committee on Banking and Commerce. That committee having recommended that the Bill be re-printed, I take it that it is equivalent to a Committee of the Whole having given the order, and that now it is being properly dealt with in the way it is. The whole procedure was departed from by unanimous consent of the House, and the Banking and Commerce Committee substituted from Committee of the Whole House.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I could understand this report if the Bill was to be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole, and that special committee would say: 'Well, here are the amendments we propose, and we recommend that the Bill be amended according to the re-draft we are offering you.' But if that special committee has taken the place of a Committee of the Whole, its work was supposed to be final, and it was that committee which should have made the amendment, and they should not have recommended that it should be made here. What right has the committee to order the printing of a new Bill?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It is the common-sense way of doing it. It was irregular