

satisfied that the decision of the court was correct. I think it is a public scandal to have a man of that sort in the service of Parliament, and it is only my duty to call the attention of the Government to the matter, and I presume they will take it into their consideration.

HON. MR. VIDAL, from the committee, reported the Bill with amendments, which were concurred in

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed

The Senate adjourned at 9 o'clock.

### THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Friday, May 2nd, 1890.*

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### THIRD READINGS.

The following Bills, reported from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors, without amendment, were read the third time and passed:—

Bill (141) "An Act to facilitate the purchase by the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway Company from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of the branch line of Railway between Hull and Aylmer." (Mr. Ogilvie.)

Bill (123) "An Act respecting the Ontario Pacific Railway Company." (Mr. MacInnes, Burlington.)

### THE COMBINES BILL.

#### REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE.

HON. MR. VIDAL, from the Committee on Banking and Commerce, reported Bill (77) "An Act to amend the Act for the prevention and suppression of Combinations formed in restraint of Trade," recommending that the Bill be not passed. He said: This is a report of a somewhat novel character, and is rather important, and requires, I think, careful consideration by the House. It is the desire of the promoter of the Bill that we should not now take action on the report, but have it in our minutes, in order that hon. gentlemen may be acquainted with it. I

move, therefore, that the report be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

HON. MR. SCOTT—This is not a private Bill; it is a public Bill, and cannot be disposed of by the Committee on Banking and Commerce; although it may have been referred to that committee, it must still go through its stages in the House. The rule of Parliament is that public Bills do not go to private committees. Those committees are for private Bills exclusively. I was not aware that this Bill had been sent there; it should not have gone there. It should only have gone by the general consent of the House, because the proper place to consider a public Bill is in a Committee of the Whole House. I hope the regular stages may not be thwarted by the reference of the Bill to the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

HON. MR. McCALLUM—The object of referring the Bill to the Committee on Banking and Commerce was to enable several delegations from all over the country to be heard. Rather than take the report into consideration to-day, at the request of several members who wish to take part in the discussion I have requested the chairman of the committee to let the report stand until some time next week. As far as I am personally concerned, I am ready to go on now.

HON. MR. MILLER—I take exception altogether to the position assumed by the hon. gentleman from Ottawa. This is a public Bill, and in the usual course would have gone to a Committee of the Whole House. But it was quite competent for the House to send it to a private committee, as they did, for the convenience of parties interested in it. The House having sent it to a private committee, it is quite in order for the hon. gentleman to report as he has done, and quite in order for the House to adopt that report without referring the Bill to a Committee of the Whole. Of course, it is also in order for any member, if he thinks proper, to move that the report be referred to a Committee of the Whole, but there is nothing certainly out of order in the course which the hon. chairman has thought proper to adopt in presenting the report which has just now been read to the House.

HON. MR. McCALLUM—The only object I had in view in sending the Bill to