

TORONTO EASTERN RAILWAY.

House in Committee on Bill 116. Mr. Fowke, 6768.

Crothers, T. W. (West Elgin)—6796.

The policy of the government is to abolish the distinction between the Dominion and province, 6796. It would save time if the government would announce its policy, 6797.

Currie, J. A. (North Simcoe)—6768.

As the promoter is not present, thinks the Bill should stand, 6768. Asks if the hon. member wants an all-night fight, 6769. Unfair that the House should be clubbed because this Bill has a certain place on the order paper, 6771. There are many honourable gentlemen in the aldermanic body in Toronto, 6784. In that case an ordinary wagon road might be described as for the general advantage of Canada, 6788. The words 'general advantage of Canada' inserted in the Bill to enable the lines to draw the subsidy, 6794. Toronto felt it was the best they could get but were not satisfied, 6795. This House would be justified in rejecting this Bill, because it is a vicious measure, 6796.

Deputy Speaker, Mr.—6778.

Has not gathered that meaning from the remarks, 6778. That would not constitute a point of order, 6783.

Graham, Hon. G. P. (Minister of Railways and Canals)—6768.

No particular reason why they should not go on with this Bill, 6768. If there is a strong objection we might let the Bill stand over, 6769. Thinks for the sake of everyone that they might hear the arguments, 6771. It runs to the lake shore, 6772. They cannot locate a foot of that railway until the Minister of Railways approves, 6777. Whatever is in the interest of transportation is in the general interest of Canada, 6786, 6787. The former government gave the Ottawa Electric road a Dominion charter, 6788. Ample protection is afforded the city of Toronto by this Bill, 6789. The commissioners settle where and how they enter the city of Toronto, 6790. They are in the same position as every other city in Canada, 6791. They both said: Yes, if this goes through there will be no objection, 6792.

Henderson, D. (Halton)—6769.

Intends to oppose this Bill, but would rather oppose it when the promoter is present, 6769. Is opposed to legislation not in accordance with the constitution of the country, 6770. Put it 'most' of them and you will be about right, 6776. His opposition to the Bill is simply on the point of jurisdiction, 6785. A good many cases would be found in which his argument was not well based, 6786. Is that the meaning he puts on the words 'for the general advantage of Canada.' The case of the Guelph junction railway, 6797.

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Hughes, S. (Victoria, Ont.)—6768.

Thinks the House is ready to go on with the Bill, 6768. The Bill is just the same as the other Bill, why not put it through? 6769. Would object to this Bill giving way for some other Bill to take precedence, 6770. Was asked to look after this Bill and is prepared to do so, 6771. He knows all that, 6777. Everything that he has stated here is not in accordance with the facts as stated in this Bill, 6778. Railway charter passed by the House under Conservative leadership, 6781. The leading business men of Toronto are in favour of having as many railways as possible enter the city, 6782. The council of the city accepted the clause in this Bill and the other as acceptable, 6783. None of these railways can run along the streets without absolute authority from the city, 6784. Expresses astonishment at the opposition encountered to this measure, 6785. There are a couple of wagon roads for the general advantage of Canada, 6788. Accepts the apology, 6797.

Macdonell, A. C. (South Toronto)—6770.

Does not think it fair to proceed with this Bill in the absence of the promoter, 6770. The Bill does not pretend to qualify itself for its appearance in this House, 6771. There is no justification whatever for the presence of this Bill in this parliament, 6772. A railway whose charter comes from the Dominion of Canada is more easily financed, 6773. The time has come when parliament should decide whether railways should be favoured, 6774. Motion of Mr. Patullo, seconded by Mr. Bowman, 6775. He protested in the committee against these powers of amalgamation, 6776. This railway is simply given blanket powers to enter the city of Toronto, 6777. Asks that Hughes be compelled to withdraw his words, 6778. This Bill authorized construction under or over highways without leave of the city, 6779. This company has come to the wrong forum to obtain its power, 6780. You say lots of things without hesitation, 6781. It is not correct, the city of Toronto did not accept them, 6783. We are not there yet, 6787. The Oshawa railway runs two or three miles from the lake, 6788. The Bill would have passed without these amendments if they had not agreed to them, 6788-9. The same was done as in the case of the Hamilton radial, 6791. Agreed to take the best they could get. A telegram from Mayor Geary, 6792.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—6789.

Was not that the very reason a Dominion charter was asked for? 6789. Not as to the crossing of a street, 6790. The agreement much like it might have been if the minister was condemned to death, 6792. We should do everything possible to avert such a condition of things, 6793. Not a strong argument why it should get its powers from this parliament, 6794.