

deal of difficulty in making up my mind as to the vote I should give upon this measure, but after the discussion that has taken place, and looking at the Bill itself, I do not see any reason why I should vote against it.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN—I would ask the House to excuse me from voting in this case, and for this reason. I do not desire to put my opinion in opposition to that of a gentleman of so much legal experience as the hon. member from Amherst, whose opinions upon all occasions we look up to with very great respect. Distrusting my own judgment in the matter I do not care under those circumstances to vote in any way that would have the effect of throwing out the Bill, because that would be virtually the effect of carrying this amendment. At the same time, using my best judgment, and looking at clauses 7 and 3 I cannot bring my mind to the conclusion that clause 7 so far overrides clause 3 that the company will be precluded from issuing both the bonds under the Quebec Act and the bonds under the Bill now before us. All the powers and privileges that they possess under the Quebec Act are preserved to them by this Bill and there is nothing whatever said, so far as I can see, in clause No. 7 to limit the powers given them in clause No. 3 in any way whatever. The counsel who attended the meeting of the Committee on behalf of the promoters of the Bill, did state that no bonds whatever had been issued, but I did not understand, as the hon. member from Burlington says he understood them to say, that they never intended to issue them. So far as I can form any judgment in the matter, if this Bill passes the company will have power to issue bonds to the extent of \$45,000 a mile if they please.

Hon. Mr. SMITH—What hardship would it bring upon the province of Quebec supposing they did issue bonds to that amount? Nobody would be fool enough to take those bonds.

Hon. Mr. READ (Quinté)—I see that we passed a Bill with a similar clause this session, the Act relating to the Chilliwhack Railway Company. That company was incorporated by the Legislature of the province of British Columbia, and in our legislation we gave that company the same power that is given in this Bill. If we do autho-

rize the company to issue bonds to the extent of \$45,000 a mile, as it is stated this Bill will do, it will be nothing more than we have done in the case of the other company.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN—We all know that constructing a railway through that sea of mountains costs a great deal more than building a railway through this eastern country.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY—It is scarcely fit that our time should be occupied by a question which cannot be put, because this is a motion in amendment to the Bill, of which no notice whatever has been given, and therefore it cannot be entertained.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—You cannot pass the Bill to-day then. Let the third reading stand until Saturday, and we will give notice of the amendment. At the third reading every member has a right to move an amendment.

Hon. Mr. POWER—On the question of order I think the hon. gentleman from DeLanaudière is wrong, but I must ask the hon. gentleman from Amherst to be kind enough to withdraw that technical objection. It is only right that the opinion of the House should be taken on the amendment.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY—Very well, I withdraw it.

Hon. Mr. POWER—Although technically the amendment may not be in order, still there has been no opportunity to give notice and I think it would not be treating the opposition to the Bill fairly to press the point of order. The correct thing is to let the amendment be put.

Hon. Mr. DE BOUCHERVILLE—I wish to speak on the point of order.

Hon. Mr. POWER—There is no question of order before the House. The hon. member from Amherst raised a point of order and then withdrew his objection.

Hon. Mr. DE BOUCHERVILLE—The hon. gentleman says that at the third reading of a Bill notice must be given of any important amendment. The hon. gentlemen who support this Bill all admit that this question is not an important one, because in their opinion the same thing is in the Bill