

Mr. BURPEE (Sunbury) said he considered that the Bill as it stood was very objectionable, and it was quite important to Albert County in two or three aspects. The Bill, as a whole, was a local Bill. The only provision sought by the Bill at first was to allow the issue of debentures at 8 per cent. instead of 6 per cent. There were other provisions which had been sought for, however. One objection to the Bill as it now stood was that it did not give sufficient guarantee to parties having claims against the company as to land damages. Another ground on which he objected to the Bill was that it allowed the company to issue promissory notes. So guarded were the Local Legislature as to this power, that they altered a former Act so as to reduce the issue of bonds from \$700,000 to \$600,000. But the present Bill gave the company power to issue promissory notes as well as debentures at 8 per cent.

Mr. DOMVILLE: No.

Mr. BURPEE: And of course this added to the liability of the company. He was informed that the company had no paid-up capital at all. Under these circumstances the promissory notes issued under this Bill would be very deceptive, and liable to lead to serious difficulties. Another reason why he objected to the Bill was that it was not put on the Order paper, but passed through the House without proper notice being given. From all these considerations he must protest against the passage of the Bill.

Mr. HOLTON said he moved the reference of this Bill to the Railway Committee because he knew that it had engaged the serious attention of gentlemen from New Brunswick, although of course he had no local knowledge of the objections. It was considered at two or three sittings and subsequently amended in the appropriate Committee of the Senate in the interest of the parties concerned in the Bill. These amendments, so made, were overruled by the Senate. The Bill came back to the House amended. Of the precise purport of the amendments he was not in a position to judge, and he was desirous that the Bill should be considered anew; he,

therefore, moved its reference to the Railway Committee. The quorum of that Committee was very large, and no doubt there was a difficulty in getting a quorum together. He thought the motion just made with reference to the Bill was perfectly in order. It was for the House to pass not only upon the merits of the amendment, but upon the merits of the Bill itself. His suggestion was that, as the time of the House was so short, it should be put upon the Order paper to be discussed in the evening during the hours for Private Bills.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD approved of the suggestion.

Motion agreed to.

COAL INTERESTS.

MOTION AS TO PRINTING REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Mr. MACKAY (Cape Breton) moved that the report of, and the evidence given before, the Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Mitchell and others, relative to the coal interest, be referred to the Joint Committee on Printing.

Motion agreed to.

SUPPLY—CONCURRENCE.

House resumed the further consideration of Resolution 124, completion and construction of Lighthouses and Fog-alarms, as reported from the Committee of Supply.

Mr. TUPPER said he wished to avail himself of that opportunity to direct the attention of the House to the mode in which the hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries had failed in the discharge of his duties. The House would remember that, at an early period of the Session, when he (Mr. Tupper) made a few remarks in connection with that Department, he was met by a very prompt and authoritative denial on the part of the hon. the Minister of Marine and Fisheries with regard to the question raised, and a challenge to bring forward, at any time, proof that the hon. gentleman had failed in the discharge of his duties. He now undertook to produce, from