

the committee. It could not be so referred without giving notice. The hon. member will have to delete the clause calling for a reference back to the committee.

Mr. GRAHAM: Let us vote on the amendment.

Mr. DUFF: Is it desired to keep the discussion going until nine o'clock?

Mr. SPEAKER: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Yes.

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. SPEAKER: Decidedly the nays have it. I declare the amendment lost on division. The question now is on the third reading of the bill. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Mr. DUFF: Carried on division.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion is carried on division. Moved by Mr. Forke, seconded by Mr. Brown, that the said bill do now pass and that the title be as on the order paper.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Mr. SPEAKER: Carried on division.

PRIVATE BILLS

SHANTUNG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

The House in committee on Bill No. 199 to incorporate Shantung Christian University.—Mr. Ryckman.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Whose bill is this?

The CHAIRMAN: The bill is in the name of Mr. Ryckman.

Mr. MEIGHEN: It is not a government order then?

On section 2—Authority for university in China.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall the clause carry?

Mr. MEIGHEN: We have not had time to get to China yet.

Mr. CALDWELL: Has the bill been printed and distributed?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes.

Mr. NEILL: I do not think the bill has been printed. It certainly has not been distributed.

The CHAIRMAN: It was distributed some weeks ago.

Mr. MEIGHEN: May I ask if the Justice department has been looking into the bill? There is no representative of the Justice department here so I will appeal to the legal lore of the Secretary of State. I draw his attention to section 2 just to see if this is within the purview of the government. It establishes a university in the republic of China.

Mr. COPP: I have no knowledge of the bill whatever. My hon. friend from East Toronto (Mr. Ryckman) is the promoter of the bill. I cannot say whether it has been submitted to the Department of Justice or not.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Does anyone know whether the bill has passed the Justice department?

Section agreed to.

On section 10—Granting of degrees.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I should like to ask for information. We are giving power to confer degrees. Are these degrees given in China or are they given in Canada? Is this a Canadian university or is it a Chinese university? I think there ought to be some further information given as to what it involves.

The CHAIRMAN: According to clause 10 the degrees are to be in accordance with the laws of China.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: We do not know what the laws of China are. It seems to me there should be some explanation as to what relation this university will bear to our Canadian universities.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any objection to clause 10?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I think we should know something further about this matter. It is an unprecedented thing that Canada should incorporate a university in China. We do not know whether the university is incorporated under the laws of China or not; we do not know whether or not these people will pass examinations in China, and we do not know whether they would have degrees which would be recognized in Canada.

Mr. COPP: Section 2 does not give any direct authority to this parliament. It is put conditionally in this way:

The university may, in so far as authority from the parliament of Canada deems requisite for such purpose.

It does not say we have the power. We are not confirming anything.