

and he said he would give me an answer to-day.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—Perhaps I could get some of the rolls of the First Frontenac, commonly called the Bloody First. At the time of the Windmill battle at Prescott they made a gallant attack on a distillery and captured it. What they did with the contents I do not know. Their deeds have been so great, that I am sure they must be on record at Kingston. I know their colors are there, and when I return to Kingston I will endeavour to find out any historic facts connected with them.

CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT
BILL.

IN COMMITTEE.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (189) An Act to amend the Civil Service Act.

(In the Committee.)

On clause 6,

6. Clerks now holding the rank of first-class shall be placed in subdivision A of the second division.

2. Clerks now holding the rank of senior second-class shall be placed in subdivision B of the second division.

3. Clerks now holding the rank of junior second-class shall be placed in subdivision A of the third division.

4. Third-class clerks and temporary clerks paid out of civil government contingencies shall be placed in subdivision B of the third division.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—There is a provision in the law that third class clerks must undergo an examination as to fitness before promotion, to be held by the new commission to be appointed. What position would a third class clerk be in who has passed the preliminary examination, the examination as to the duties of his office, and also the qualifying promotion examination? We will assume that he has passed all the examinations necessary for promotion. Will that officer be compelled to go before the new commission and be examined again before he can be promoted?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I think not. It would not be fair. I do not think the Bill is intended to be ex post facto; it is intended to be prospective. The Act will not come

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into force until September because it will take some time to organize under it. It is quite impossible to fathom exactly where it will lead to, but I think I am quite safe in saying that an official who is now qualified for promotion could not be disturbed.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—That is an equitable conclusion to come to, but I question very much whether under the provisions of the Bill, unless some arrangement is made prior to bringing it into force, that the interpretation given by the hon. gentleman is correct.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I am confirmed in that opinion by the fact that we retain, for the present at any rate, the present examiners. Dr. Thorburn is still chairman of the board of examiners. The inspector of schools here, Dr. Glashan, is also a member of the board, and the other member is in the library.

The clause was adopted.

On clause 8,

8. As soon as practicable after the coming into force of the Act, the head of each department shall cause the organization of his department to be determined and defined by order in council.

2. The order in council shall give the names of the several branches of the department, with the number and character of the offices, clerkships and other positions in each and the duties, titles and salaries thereafter to pertain thereto.

3. After being so determined and defined, the organization of a department shall not be changed except by order in council.

4. Copies of such orders in council shall be sent to the commission.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—In nearly all these clauses, power is vested in the Governor in Council, and, as the Bill stands, we are divesting the Senate of all the powers it has exercised and enjoyed in the past; but when you come to clause 45, it looks as if the powers are all transferred back, and that they will still be retained by the Senate.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Yes, that is quite clear. The Senate, as a body, and any of its committees they please to name, will stand in the place of the department as far as regulations and suggestions and recommendations and all that go. The words in the Act are that a resolution of the Senate or House of Commons takes the place of any