

which he occupies. He is cognizant of all the facts, I daresay, while I am entirely ignorant of them. I cannot tell what evidence there is to warrant the Committee in making such amendments to the Bill, and I am in the same position as the majority of the House. The hon. gentleman's course is plain: the evidence is not printed, and the report should be considered to-morrow.

HON. MR. GOWAN—After what has fallen from my hon. friend I cannot persist in my motion. I move that the order of the day be discharged and that the report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY BILL.

SECOND READING.

The order of the day having been called—second reading of Bill 45, further to amend the Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Act,

HON. MR. MCKINDSEY said—I regret to say that this Bill is not yet distributed. I therefore move that the order of the day be discharged and that the Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

HON. MR. MILLER—It has been authoritatively mentioned in the other House that the prorogation may be expected on Saturday week, but if the printing is delayed in this manner we cannot expect to get away before the 1st July.

THE SPEAKER—Some means must be adopted to expedite the printing. The printer is trifling with the time of the House.

HON. MR. MILLER—Cannot outside assistance be got to help on the work of the contractors?

THE SPEAKER—Something should be done to prevent the detention of the business of the House.

HON. MR. DICKEY.

HON. MR. DICKEY—The suggestion made by my hon. friend yesterday, that a little pressure from the Government would be more effectual than anything else, is a good one. If it has not been applied I think it very desirable that it should be, or some steps taken to ensure that we shall not, at the tail end of the session, be prevented from considering the subjects brought before us.

THE SPEAKER—During my experience I have not known such delay in the printing to occur.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I may say that I called the attention of my colleagues to-day to the matter and informed them that unless some additional means could be obtained to put the public measures before the Senate, the prorogation of the session would be delayed.

HON. MR. MCKINDSEY—I hope we shall have an opportunity of passing these Bills through their final stages and that we shall not suffer loss through the delay of the printer.

HON. MR. MILLER—Many of these Bills are ordinary acts of incorporation, or amendments to old acts of incorporation containing nothing very new, and they all have to undergo the revision of the Committee and perhaps in many cases the House would permit the second reading to take place now.

HON. MR. MCKINDSEY—I move that the Bill be read the second time presently.

HON. MR. DICKEY—I would like to suggest that while I highly approve of the course that is taken, and I think we should continue that course through the whole list of private bills to-day, yet at the same time before they can be considered in Committee it is absolutely necessary that they should be printed, and I hope it will not be taken for granted that they can slide through in this way. I think we are taking the proper course now to advance them a stage but they should be printed before they are considered in Committee.