

And the amendment was that we strike out the words after "that", and insert the clause:

This committee is of the opinion that no further evidence is now required for our purposes, but that we recommend that further consideration be given to the Indian Act in two years' time.

That is moved by Mr. Simmons.

Mr. FULTON: The words you have just referred to were not read. I think that would be substantiated by a reading of the record.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you move that we take up the whole question again?

Mr. FULTON: Very well, yes. It has now been clearly proven and shown that your ruling was in error.

The CHAIRMAN: I am trying to facilitate the business of the committee. I do not say it is an error at all. I do want to facilitate the wishes of the committee and if some of you feel that you were not voting on the proper motion and did not understand the motion, then we can re-open it. I do not think it is at all necessary. I think that everybody understood exactly what he wanted to vote on, and I think that you did too, Mr. Fulton.

Mr. FULTON: That is why I allowed the vote to proceed, because I knew it would show just how erroneous your ruling was.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that my ruling on the motion as amended will now be adopted.

Mr. FULTON: But you cannot rule on that sort of matter, Mr. Chairman. That can only be done by a vote of the committee.

Mr. NOSEWORTHY: Mr. Chairman, if you put the motion as amended, you must read the original motion plus the amendment, so that the record will show how contrary, or to what extent the amendment makes that motion.

The CHAIRMAN: The motion was:

That in addition to any other witnesses to be heard your committee should call and hear evidence from representative Indian delegates on their desires and opinions with respect to bill 79.

Now, the amendment was that we strike out the words after "that".

Mr. CHARLTON: That never appeared in the amendment.

Mr. FULTON: Is that included in the written amendment which you have before you, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: The written amendment as it appears before me has a preamble, and it has an operative part of which the most important part is—as I understood from Mr. Simmons, he did say, or intended to say—that it should be stricken out.

Mr. SIMMONS: I thought it would be clear enough to everybody.

Mr. BRYCE: Mr. Chairman, the trouble is this: "Dave" comes here with a motion and my friend knows that it is a motion, but he tries, as it were, to make it into an amendment.

Mr. CHARLTON: The one way to settle it, Mr. Chairman, is to have the record re-read.

Mr. BRYCE: He moves it as an amendment but it does not read as an amendment. Of course, it is not relative to the subject.

The CHAIRMAN: It is as pertinent as the motion originally made.

Mr. BRYCE: That is the trouble. You should leave it to some of us laymen to straighten it out.