

VANCOUVER, VICTORIA AND EASTERN RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY—*Con.*

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. Charles* (Minister of Justice)—*Con.*

wish to make my protest against legislation of that description—8646. Can you say that something that is non-existent to-day may become subject to our legislation—8647. What is it you are bringing under the scope of our legislation?—8648. I read the note to mean that he would be absent on Wednesday—8650. I would like to have time to answer the point—8651.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—8818.

I understand that there was a question raised by Fitzpatrick with reference to the fourth clause—8818. It may be suggested that part of this amendment is covered by the amendment of Mr. Macpherson—8819. As regards engineering reports or engineering evidence, there was nothing satisfactory submitted to the committee—8820. Again, Ross (D.) takes for granted something absolutely denied by himself—8821. I want to see a road built which will make that country do its particular work as a part of Canada—8822. The government must make as sure as they reasonably can that this road from Cloverdale to Princeton shall be built in a reasonable time—8823. The Bill says 'difficulty of construction.' That would seem to me to be only to points of divergence—8824. I suppose that was the same hon. gentleman who made the same offensive remark to me in the committee—8829.

*Gallihier, W. A.* (Kootenay)—8316.

We wish to make it definite and distinct by this provision—8317. The road from Princeton to Vancouver will be running over all Canadian territory before another railway is built—8641. We will send for some one we have more confidence in than the member for Halton—8642. These are all Canadian railways that are mentioned—8646. Willing to consider any suggestion from the Minister of Justice—8647. I do not want to see the Bill delayed—8648. It applies only to as much as is constructed—8649. They undertake to build but they do not build—8823. Henderson opposed the very first clause of the Bill tooth and nail, and voted against it from start to finish—9045. So you are—9046.

*Haggart, Hon. John G.* (South Lanark)—8639.

I did not understand that the other clauses of the Bill were carried—8639. The responsibility thrown on the Governor in Council if the road has to pass on of Canadian territory—8644. The railway commission have not these duties—8645. The government are responsible for all legislation introduced into this House—8646. Doubts if the clause will have the effect—8649. Will the bonds issued on the whole road be subject to the conditions embodied in the Bill?—8650.

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*Henderson, David* (Halton)—8316.

It was suggested by some person in the railway committee that an amendment should be made to section 5—8316. There seems to be a misunderstanding—8637. Foster was going to move an amendment, and I understood the Bill was not coming up—8638. I contend that it should be constructed throughout on Canadian territory—8640. I endeavoured to procure for the people of British Columbia an all-Canadian road from Similkameen—8641. Gallihier made a speech in favour of a duty on lead and then voted against the duty—8642. The people of British Columbia will not object to what I have done—8643. The board of trade for Westminster ask the very thing I proposed in my amendment—8644. No objection to the amendment—8649. There is a conflict between the Railway Act and the charter of this company—8651. It is worth considering—8652. The stand which I took in the Railway Committee I still adhere to—9040. We asked that a guarantee be put into the charter which would insure this construction on Canadian soil—9041. Quotes an article from the Vancouver 'Province,' 1905—9042-3-4. Now, where would we get stronger approval of the course we have pursued in regard to this Bill—9044. Talbot has not been present in all these discussions, and I am reading these articles for his benefit and that of others—9045. Quotes an article from the 'Rossland Miner'—9046. Macpherson realizes that on his return to Vancouver he may have a good many things to answer for—9047. I am now authorized to withdraw the amendment proposed by Foster—9048.

*Johnston, A.* (South Cape Breton)—8828.

You have earned your money now; that will do—8828. Mr. Speaker I rise to a point of order. I want Foster to withdraw that observation—8829.

*Kennedy, J. B.* (New Westminster)—8643.

Why did not Henderson take the same course with the C.P.R.?—8643.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)

That is an error; I never heard of it—8637.—8637.

So far as I am concerned not one word has been spoken to me on the subject of having the Bill postponed—8638. It has been considered by the railway committee such as it is and been approved—8640. The Bill, while it should pass, ought to be allowed to stand—8646. Must go on to-day—8650. The point raised by Fitzpatrick was that the clause with reference to the amalgamation—8818. I do not see that there is very much difference between this drafting and that of the Bill—8823. It seems to me merely refining a little more to put the provision in the form in which Foster puts it—8824. I would not take it upon myself to deny this advantage to the people of British Columbia—8825. For these rea-