

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved the third reading of the Bill.

HON. MR. SCOTT—I desire to ask whether the urgency rule is construed to mean that when that rule is carried by a majority it gives the promoter of a Bill the right to move that it take all its stages in one day?

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—Yes; that is my reading of it.

HON. MR. SCOTT—My own reading is that it does not go to that extent.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—I think it does.

HON. MR. SCOTT—I do not propose to offer any opposition to advancing public business at this stage, and therefore I do not take any exception to it, but I disclaim that it is done under that rule. I move that the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to strike out clause six, with sub-section one.

The Senate divided on the amendment, which was rejected by the following vote :—

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HON. MR. POWER moved that the said Bill be recommitted for the purpose of striking out subsection two of section five which authorizes employees on the Intercolonial Railway in Nova Scotia to vote at elections, although disqualified by the law of that Province.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—That is out of order. The resolution that they should be allowed to vote was passed in Committee, and the House concurred in the report of the Committee.

HON. MR. POWER—The same objection might be taken to the amendment of my hon. friend. One can move such a resolution at any stage. I am surprised at the Minister of Justice; surely he is not ashamed that his name should appear in the division list.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—Not at all.

HON. MR. POWER—This is an exception to the rule which prevails all over the Dominion, and the subsection contains this extraordinary provision—that a railway employee can, by taking an oath that he is legally qualified, record his vote. It allows any man who is bold enough to swear that he has a right to vote, to place that vote on record.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—He is liable to penalties if he swears falsely.

HON. MR. POWER—There is no penalty in the Bill. If the hon. gentleman had added to the clause that he should be liable to a penalty for perjury—

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—It does not need to be there: it is under the general criminal law.

HON. MR. POWER—This is something quite unprecedented. It just means this, that the Government with everything that they have in their favor are afraid to meet the constituencies even in Nova Scotia, and they want to add a couple of hundred votes to the voters' list.

The amendment was declared lost on the same division.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed on the same division.

GENERAL INSPECTION ACT, 1874,  
PARTIAL REPEAL BILL.

SECOND READING

HON. MR. AIKINS moved the second reading of Bill (157), "An Act to repeal