

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—If the hon. member is absent, but not when he is present. I recognize the fact that it is quite in order. What I mean to say is that it is an irregular practice for an hon. member to give notice of motion and then ask somebody else to move it.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I asked the consent of the House, and there seemed to be no objection. However, the right hon. leader can make the motion.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I withdraw the motion for the third reading and move the amendment.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I rise to a point of order. This is an amendment. The main motion is that the Bill be read the third time.

The SPEAKER—That is withdrawn by leave of the House until the hon. member can make his motion to amend.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—What is that motion?

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The one of which I gave notice yesterday.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The motion before the Chair is one for the third reading of the Bill, and in amendment to that motion it was proposed to move that the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be amended as stated in the notice. So that before the third reading is taken, the Bill must be amended. I do not contend that it must go back to committee, but we find that the hon. gentleman who made the motion for the third reading now makes a motion in amendment. He has no right to make that motion.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I understood he withdrew his motion.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—He had no right to make the motion.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—The hon. gentleman from Hastings objects to the other course, so what are we going to do? Between the three leaders in the House we ought to be able to adopt some course.

The SPEAKER—The order of the day for the third reading of the Bill was called, and the hon. minister made the motion.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG.

On this question being raised, he asked leave to withdraw the motion for third reading and to move the amendment of which he gave notice yesterday.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—That cannot be done. The right hon. gentleman moved the third reading and then withdrew that motion. He is now moving his amendment of yesterday; but what is his amendment to it; there is no motion before us?

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The hon. gentleman from Hastings objected to the manner of doing it.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—Which is the proper mode?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The two modes are bad. The only thing for the hon. member to do is to move the third reading, and, if he wants to amend, to get somebody to move the amendment.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—That is what he did.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—What the hon. member from Hastings objected to was not that.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I submit that all the rules are suspended in so far as giving notice are concerned.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—My motion was not carried yesterday, by which I wanted to suspend all the rules.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—Rule 129 is suspended. It does not seem to me there is any serious difficulty in this matter. I think the view of the hon. gentleman from Stadacona, that the right hon. leader of the House cannot very well move an amendment to his own motion, is well taken. But we are dealing with a public Bill; there is no necessity for giving notice of an amendment to a public Bill, and it is quite in order for the hon. member from Killarney, or any other hon. gentleman, to move an amendment without notice to the motion for the third reading.

The SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman who gave the notice for the third reading of the Bill when objection was taken to what followed, asked leave to withdraw his motion and to move an amendment of which he