

pense and trouble in organization, and in making returns to the provincial governments. This might deter a few farmers from entering upon such an enterprise.

Mr. HYMAN. This section as carried reads as follows :

Whenever any province, municipality or corporation, having authority to construct and operate.

As I understand, all that is requisite is to have the authority to construct and operate. If there was no incorporation, it seems to me that each individual would have to make separate terms, and this would mean two hundred applications before the board.

Mr. SPROULE. Could they not act as a company ?

Mr. HYMAN. Not if they were not incorporated.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. If they were joint proprietors in the undertaking the word 'person' would cover it.

Mr. HYMAN. If they entered into an agreement.

Mr. ALCORN. Each person who takes a telephone is not a proprietor ; the company is initiated by and belongs to one or two individuals. They obtain subscribers, and the subscribers pay to these individuals.

Mr. HYMAN. Is it a company ?

Mr. ALCORN. You may call it what you like. There are four or five persons.

Amendment (Mr. Alcorn) negatived: Yeas, 21; nays, 36.

Mr. EMMERSON. I move that the committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. I would like to ask the minister if he will not print this whole Bill before its third reading ?

Mr. EMMERSON. I am moving to report progress for that very purpose.

Motion agreed to, and progress reported.

Mr. FIELDING moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What business will you take up to-morrow ?

Mr. FIELDING. The Bills that remain on the order paper, those that are not likely to be contentious first, and the Sunday Bill afterwards.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 1.07 a.m., Wednesday.

Mr. MILLER

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, June 27, 1906.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

### OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEBATES.

Mr. GERVAIS presented the third report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the official report of the debates during the present session as follows :

The Select Committee appointed to supervise the official report of the debates of this House during the present session, beg leave to present the following as the third report :

1. That the salary of \$2,000 per annum, at present paid to each member of the staff of official reporters of the debates, be increased to \$2,500.

2. That the salary of \$1,200 per annum, now paid Mr. C. W. Boyce, assistant to the chief reporter, be increased to \$1,500.

3. That the salary to the chief translator, viz.: \$2,000 per annum, be increased to \$2,500, and that paid to each member of the staff of official translators be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per annum.

4. That the above mentioned increases date from the commencement of the present session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. GERVAIS,  
Chairman.

### NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 215) to amend the National Transcontinental Railway Act. He said: Mr. Speaker, I may explain in brief that the present law in respect to the National Transcontinental Railway contract provides that the company shall make a deposit in cash or approved government securities to the amount of \$5,000,000. The company offered us securities which were of undoubted commercial value, but which were not government securities. They were railway securities of a high class and of undoubted commercial value, but they were not government securities and we were not free to accept them. Consequently we demanded and received cash. The purpose of this Bill is to permit the government to receive securities which are of undoubted value, although they may not be government securities, as required by the existing law.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Is it entirely within the discretion of the government or is there any special class of securities specified?

Mr. FIELDING. There is no special class of securities specified. They have to be securities of the substantial value of \$5,000,000.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.