

the Upper House and the consideration of the motion to postpone the consideration of the amendments for three months. There could be no discussion on any portion of the Bill, because it had been assented to by both Houses. To consider the Bill *de novo* was contrary to common sense and principles of justice, and being contrary to both was contrary to the law of the land. The authorities laid down the principle that whenever either House had passed on a matter they could not go back on their tracks.

Mr. SPEAKER sustained the point of order.

Mr. GIBBS (South Ontario) moved in amendment to the amendment:

"That all after the word 'that' in the amendment be struck out and the following words substituted 'the amendment to the Albert Railway Bill be not agreed to.'"

Question *put* and amendment to the amendment *negatived* on the following division:—

## YEAS :

## Messieurs

Bowell	Killam
Cameron	Langevin
Caron	Macdonald (Kingston)
Guthbert	Masson
DeCosmos	Mitchell
Desjardins	Platt
Domville	Plumb
Flesher	Rochester
Fraser	Rouleau
Gibbs (North Ontario)	Thompson (Cariboo)
Gibbs (South Ontario)	Tupper
Haggart	Wallace (Norfolk).—24.

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

Appleby	Holton
Archibald	Horton
Aylmer	Irving
Bain	Kerr
Biggar	Kirk
Blackburn	Laflamme
Blain	Macdonald (Cornwall)
Borron	Macdonald (Centre Toronto)
Bourassa	Macdougall (E. Elgin)
Bowman	Mackenzie
Burk	McLeod
Burpee (St. John)	McNab
Burpee (Sunbury)	Metcalfe
Cartwright	Mills
Casey	Oliver
Christie	Paterson
Church	Pickard
Coffin	Roy
Cook	Ross (East Durhan.)
De St. Georges	Ross (Prince Edward)
Dymond	Rymal
Fleming	Sinclair
Flynn	Smith (Peel)
Forbes	Snider
Fréchette	

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD.

Galbraith  
Gibson  
Gillies  
Goudge  
Guthrie  
Hagar  
Higinbotham

St. Jean  
Taschereau  
Thompson (Haldimand)  
Trow  
Wallace (Albert)  
Workman  
Young.—63.

Question *put* on the amendment.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said he did not see how the House could agree to this amendment. This House passed a Bill and the Senate chose to amend it; and they had now voted that they would not disagree with the amendment.

Mr. BURPEE (Sunbury) said that the Bill passed through the House without being put on the Order paper at all. If this had not been the case, it would have been amended.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said it was a libel and a slander on Mr. Speaker and the officers of the House to say that any such irregular proceeding was allowed.

Mr. HOLTON said his hon. friend from Sunbury merely meant that the Bill was considered on the same day on which it was reported, not having been previously placed on the printed Orders; therefore the hon. gentleman did not blame Mr. Speaker.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said that, if the hon. gentleman's remarks did not convey a censure, they were intended to justify the hon. gentleman's motive in making such a motion. His hon. friend (Mr. Gibbs) had moved that the House should disagree with the amendment made in the Upper House, and an enormous majority of the members had voted the motion down, and had declared that they agreed with the amendment; and, after doing so, a motion was made to consider the amendment three months hence. This was really a most absurd position, and it only showed what spirit induced hon. gentlemen to so act, and to what lengths the spirit of patriotism—

Mr. MITCHELL: Say spirit of party.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD said that both terms ought to mean the same thing. The hon. member for Northumberland called it spirit of party. This was a short word, and