

HON. MR. MACINNES (Burlington)—I differ entirely from the hon. gentleman from Sarnia in the view he has taken of this Bill. He thinks it will be a great inconvenience to the majority of the people. I am afraid that the object of the Bill is not fully appreciated or understood in the House, but as regards the objections to the difference of time in the different Provinces, the intention is to make them uniform. In Quebec, Ontario, and as far as the Pacific Ocean, we have standard time in use. It is the time that is in use by railways, by banks and by the public generally. It is my opinion that this Bill will confer most important advantages on the public. In former times, when we had the old system, there was different time in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. I have myself frequently lost my train in consequence of the difference in time, but since we have adopted the standard system all that is done away with, and there is no necessity for missing your train because of the difference in time between stations. I feel that I am not able to do justice to the subject, but I am fully satisfied that the advantages to the public will be enormous if this Bill is adopted. I am going to ask the House to refer the Bill to the Committee of Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors, in order that it may be thoroughly threshed out there.

HON. MR. ALMON—It will be threshed out of the committee.

HON. MR. MACINNES—The object I have in view is that the Bill shall be so threshed out in committee that it will be thoroughly understood, and when the Bill is read the second time I shall move to refer it to the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors.

HON. MR. ALMON—I do not think it fair to take a division on such a Bill in this House.

HON. MR. MACINNES—I am prepared to go on with it.

The House divided on the motion, which was carried on the following division:—

CONTENTS :
Hon. Messrs.

Boyd,
Casgrain,
Clemow,

Macdonald (B.C.),
MacInnes (Burlington),
Merner,

Cochrane,
DeBlois,
Dever,
Howlan,
Lougheed,
Masson,
McCallum,
McInnes (B.C.),
McKay,
McKindsey,

Montgomery,
Perley,
Prowse,
Reid (Cariboo),
Robitaille,
Sanford,
Smith,
Sutherland,
Vidal.—25.

NON-CONTENTS :
Hon. Messrs.

Almon,
Archibald,
Baillargeon,
Bolduc,
Boucherville, de,
Dickey,
Girard,

Haythorne,
Kaulbach,
Lewin,
Odell,
Power,
Read (Quénté),
Stevens.—14.

HON. MR. MACINNES moved that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors.

HON. MR. DICKEY—I object to that. This is a public Bill. It is not a private Bill in any sense, and if it were a private Bill it is not cognate in any degree to railways, telegraphs or harbors.

THE SPEAKER—There is no objection to referring it to the committee. It is the practice in England constantly to refer public Bills to some of the standing committees.

HON. MR. MACINNES—I consulted the leader of the House on that point, and he said that the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors was the best committee to refer it to.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Monday, April 21st, 1890.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE TAX ON CHINESE.

INQUIRY.

HON. MR. ALMON rose to inquire

“Whether there is any truth in the statement contained in the *Ottawa Citizen*, of the 18th April, instant, that at Niagara Falls, on the 7th instant, three Chinamen were hustled over to the Canadian side by the United States Customs officers, and that one of them not having the Canadian Customs certi-