

numerous inconveniences and disadvantages which would be encountered in the working out of this clause. As I say, we realize all that. But as the Minister of Labour has pointed out on several occasions, this legislation is in the experimental stage.

An hon. MEMBER: Very much so.

Mr. CANNON: Of course; we do not deny that. But when the legislation is carried into practice and we have an opportunity of considering these difficulties as they occur and of suggesting means of overcoming them, it will be time enough to bring down amendments by way of improvement. When that time comes, I have no doubt, every member of the House will join with the government in an endeavour to make the law as satisfactory as possible. Having said this, I would urge the committee to pass this bill which is now before parliament for the second time. I make no claim, nor does the Minister of Labour make any claim, of perfection for the bill. It is not perfect; we know that. We have listened with great attention and much interest to the suggestions that have been made by hon. gentlemen to improve the bill and make it more workable, and certainly they will be considered by the government when it is deemed necessary to introduce further legislation along this line.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: The Solicitor General has truly observed that there are a great many anomalies in the bill, and this is one clause that could be greatly improved. But the government are not willing to accept any suggestions from this side looking to the improvement of the legislation. They are fixed in their attitude towards the bill: we must take it as it is. Before we go any further I want to impress upon the government the advisability of adjourning at this point. We have a committee which has been charged with the task of amending the rules of this House, and one of the amendments proposes that the House, at eleven or eleven-thirty, as may be decided finally, shall automatically adjourn. But here we are still discussing this bill, although it is nearly twelve o'clock, and notwithstanding that we have facilitated the business of the House all through this session. I submit that the government will not make any headway by detaining the House under these circumstances. If we had had a long session and had obstructed business it might be different. We have not done so. I suggest that the government will gain nothing by compelling the House to sit after this hour.

Mr. LAPOINTE: If anyone had suggested adjourning before—

[Mr. Cannon.]

Mr. STEVENS: It has been suggested three times.

The CHAIRMAN: The amendment moved by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Irvine), that all the words after the word "interest" in the fifth line of subsection 2 be struck out, I must rule out of order. The effect of this amendment would be to widen the scope of the bill with a resulting increase in the cost of administration, and under the rules that is not permissible. The amendment is out of order.

Mr. HEENAN: If the committee will agree to section 9 I will move that we report progress.

Mr. STEVENS: No, we cannot do that. There are two or three important matters which I desire to discuss in relation to this section.

Mr. HEENAN: Under the circumstances I will move that the committee rise and report progress.

Section stands.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Lapointe, the House adjourned at 11.55 p.m.

Friday, March 4, 1927

The House met at three o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Bill No. 116, to incorporate "La congrégation de Saint-Dominique du Tiers-Ordre enseignant."—Mr. Raymond.

Bill No. 117, respecting a patent owned by The John E. Russell Company, Limited.—Mr. Chevrier.

RAILWAYS, CANALS AND TELEGRAPH LINES

Mr. A. M. YOUNG (Saskatoon) presented the second report of the select standing committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines as follows:

He moved:

Your committee have considered the following bills and have agreed to report the same without amendment, viz:

Bill No. 71, an act respecting the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company.

Bill No. 76, an act respecting La Compagnie du chemin de fer de Colonisation du Nord.

Your committee have also considered the following bills, and have agreed to report them with amendments, viz:

Bill No. 73, an act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.