

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I move that the word 'or' be substituted for 'and' in the 11th line.

Hon. Mr. ELLIS—We agreed at the conference upstairs that the word 'then' should be inserted after the word 'bell.'

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—That was the understanding.

The clause was amended and adopted.

On clause 230,

230. In this section the expression 'packing' means packing of wood or metal, or some equally substantial and solid material, of not less than two inches in thickness, and which, where by this section any space is required to be filled in, shall extend to within one and a half inches of the crown of the rails in use on any such railway, shall be neatly fitted so as to come against the web of such rails, and shall be well and solidly fastened to the ties on which such rails are laid.

2. The spaces behind and in front of every railway frog or crossing, and between the fixed rails of every switch where such spaces are less than four inches in width, shall be filled with packing up to the under side of the head of the rail.

3. The spaces between any wing rail and any railway frog, and between any guard rail and the track rail alongside of it, shall be filled with packing at their splayed ends, so that the whole splay shall be so filled where the width of the space between the rails is less than four inches; such packing not to reach higher than to the under side of the head of the rail; provided however, that the board may allow such filling and packing to be left out, from the month of December to the month of April in each year, both months included, or between any such dates as the board by regulation, or in any particular case, determines.

Hon. Mr. POWER—There is this to be said with respect to this clause; that an amendment was suggested, and I think it was accepted by all parties, to insert after the word 'allow' in the fourth line 'the filling and packing mentioned in subsection 3 of this section.'

Hon. Mr. WATSON—It appears to me matters of this kind could be very well left to the board. We expect there will be some practical men on the board, and we

fix certain dates at which the packing may be left out. In a portion of Canada where there is very little snow, there is no reason why the packing should be left out. Why not retain it all the year round? It is put there for the safety of railway employees, and it might be left there all the time.

Hon. Mr. POWER—This only authorizes the board to do that.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—You provide it shall be the duty of the board to determine the dates.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The last line provides that the board may, by regulations, determine the dates.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—The reason for the amendment was this: the word 'such,' it has been contended, would be held only to apply to this clause, and it was clearly the intention of everybody that these words should apply, not only to subsection 3, but to 2 which precedes it.

The amendment was agreed to, and the clause was adopted.

On clause 275, subsection 4,

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I have an amendment to move to this subsection:

Or to members of such other public bodies, or organizations, or to such persons, &c.

The object is this: under this provision if, for instance, the railway company would like to take a deputation of farmers, or others and show the country, they could not give them free transportation; and the object is simply to give them power, subject to the approval of the board, to give transportation free.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The hon. gentleman had better give notice of his amendment.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN (de Lanaudière)—By adding in the 9th line after the word 'regulation,' the words to 'be extended or restricted,' it would cover the whole ground, and be more simple. One of the representatives of the railways here, I think a repre-