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Mr. McNEILL. I do not intend to continue this debate, but I wish to call the attention of the Minister of Trade and Commerce to another matter.

Mr. SPEAKER. You cannot speak on any other matter than the fast line.

Mr. FOSTER. Cannot you hitch it on to the fast line?

Mr. McNEILL. I suppose I could, if necessary. I should like, with the indulgence of the House, to call attention to the matter.

Mr. SPEAKER. I cannot allow the rules of the House to be so often broken.

Motion to adjourn negatived.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). I would suggest to the hon. gentlemen opposite, that for the convenience of some private members, we might by mutual consent take up private Bills and advance them a stage. It is obvious at this moment that we cannot do anything else, and then I suppose the House will adjourn at six o'clock.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. It would conduce to the convenience of the House to adopt the suggestion of the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Mr. SPEAKER. Then, with the unanimous consent of the House, we shall proceed to call the order for Private Bills.

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (No. 28) respecting the Ontario Pacific Railway Company, and to change the name of the company to the Ottawa and New York Railway Company.—(Mr. Snetsinger.)

Bill (No. 30) respecting the Central Counties Railway Company.—(Mr. McMullen.)

Bill (No. 31) respecting the Trail Creek and Columbia Railway Company.—(Mr. Gibson.)

Bill (No. 32) respecting the Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company.—(Mr. Gibson.)

CALGARY AND EDMONTON RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. SPROULE (for Mr. Osler) moved second reading of Bill (No. 33) respecting the Calgary and Edmonton Railway Company.

Mr. OLIVER. I wish to call attention to the fact, that this Bill has not been distributed. As this Bill entirely affects the constituency which I represent, and as a number of petitions have been presented in regard to

it, I would ask to have it thoroughly understood, that by my agreeing to the second reading, there shall be no prejudice to amendments in the Railway Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER. According to the orders before us, this Bill seems to have been printed in English and distributed, but probably the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) has not obtained his copy from the post office. There is no reason that I know of, why the hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) is not free to move any amendment he wishes in committee. This Bill will have to be posted over vacation, and it will be eight days at least before it can be considered in committee. The only objection the hon. gentleman can take is, that it has not been printed in French, but I suppose he will not press that.

Mr. OLIVER. If the mover of the Bill were here, I would ask for explanations, but as he is not here, I do not want to block the second reading of the Bill, and I do not want to prejudice my case in committee.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time.

ADJOURNMENT—THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). I suppose under the circumstances the hon. gentleman (Sir Charles Tupper) will consent to the adjournment now.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. There is no objection to it.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. McNEILL. Before the House adjourns, I may perhaps be allowed to refer to the matter which I desired to mention a moment ago. I desire to call to the attention of my hon. friend the Minister of Trade and Commerce, who is now acting as Minister of Militia, this paragraph which appeared in the Ottawa "Citizen" this morning:

The War and the Colonial Offices are considering General Gascoigne's request for leave to send a Canadian regiment, 600 strong, to the Queen's Jubilee. The officials speak most appreciatively of the request as an evidence of Canada's desire to do the highest possible honour to the occasion; but they feel that the difficulties for such a number are insuperable, among them being, that the acceptance of Canada's offer would upset all the proportions allotted to the other colonies.

Of course, we do not know what the proportions allotted to other colonies may be; but, taking 75 men for each of the seven colonies of Australasia, we would have 600 men as just the right proportion for Canada. I have observed for some time past that there is a tendency among Imperial officials in