

cussing, although we have passed to the third—they voted for the payment of this sum of \$35,000,000.

Mr. GRAHAM: Then my hon. friend must have voted against it.

Mr. BORDEN: That point was brought up by the hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Macdonald) last night, and I would like to say a word about that, as the hon. member for South Renfrew has mentioned it. I think he has been misled by the hon. member for Pictou, and has adopted a very curious position. He says we voted against it, and therefore against clause 2 of the Bill. Let me point out—and I hope he will let this idea sink into his inner consciousness—that there were two proposals before this Parliament. Each of the proposals embodied clause 2 of this Bill, and each of them embodied other proposals not common to each other. When we voted against the amendment, we voted against the whole amendment, which embodied provisions different from those which we proposed, but when we came to clause 2 of the Bill we were not dealing with the other features; we were dealing with clause 2 only, which was common to both proposals, and my hon. friend and every hon. member on that side of the House, although that clause was common to both proposals, and was being considered separately at the time, opposed the very thing they themselves had proposed. I would have thought that so simple a proposition as that would have at once occurred to my hon. friend the ex-Minister of Railways and Canals.

Mr. PUGSLEY: It is no wonder the right hon. gentleman smiles.

Mr. BORDEN: The hon. member for St. John says it is no wonder that I smile; I would think that the folly of the position hon. gentlemen opposite have adopted would make even a horse laugh. Under the circumstances, as hon. gentlemen on the other side do not seem disposed to adopt clause 3, although we passed to it several hours ago, I move that the further consideration of section 3 be postponed.

Mr. OLIVER: When the postponement of the second clause was moved, it was stated that debate on the motion was not allowable. Might I ask what rule is invoked in that regard?

Mr. BORDEN: I do not think it is a debatable motion.

Mr. OLIVER: We are now operating, to a certain extent, under new rules, and I think it is desirable that we should know exactly under what rule we are acting.

Mr. BORDEN: Under the first amendment.

The CHAIRMAN: The first amendment stating that no other motion shall be debatable.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Mr. Chairman, we have—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

The CHAIRMAN: I would remind the hon. gentleman that we are actually taking a vote.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I rise to a point of order.

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. member for Edmonton asked under what rule the motion was made; I stated that the motion was not debatable.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I rise to a point of order in that regard, Mr. Chairman, and I desire to say that in my judgment the motion is debatable. The hon. member for Portage la Prairie, speaking for this Government, said that until a question or a motion has been discussed by at least two speakers, one on each side, it has not been debated. His Honour the Speaker sat in the Chair and listened to that interpretation of the new resolution by the member for Portage la Prairie; my right hon. friend the Prime Minister sat in his place and listened to that interpretation, and if that is not a correct interpretation of the resolution, then I declare that the resolution has been passed by the House under false pretenses. I propose to move that the question be now put, and I propose to discuss the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: There is no previous question in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I beg your pardon, Mr. Chairman. Rule 13 of the House says:

The rules of the House shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole House so far as may be applicable, except the rules as to the seconding of motions and limiting the number of times of speaking.

I am quite aware that you will find in the text books—I suppose having reference to the practice in the British Parliament—that the previous question cannot be moved in Committee of the Whole House, but we must be governed by the positive rules of this House, and rule 13 declares that the rules of the House shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far as may be applicable, except the rules as to the seconding of motions and the limiting of the number of times of speaking. I do not dignify this resolution by the name of rule; I say it is not a rule of this House, for there can be no rule in the framing of which the minority is not allowed to take part. This resolution, Sir, was not passed in the ordinary way, or in accordance with the practice and usage of Parliament; it was an arbitrary resolution—

Mr. BORDEN: I do not think the hon. gentleman is discussing the point of order raised by him.