

think, two days ago. It was in the Chamber yesterday.

Hon. Mr. GUEVREMONT (In French.)—Under the 18th Rule of this House, the Bill cannot be read now. The 18th Rule provides that "No motion to suspend, modify or amend any Rule, or part thereof, shall be in order except on one day's notice in writing, specifying precisely the Rule or part of Rule to be suspended, modified or amended, and the purpose thereof." The Committee may recommend the suspension of the Rule, but it rests with the House to say whether the recommendation shall be adopted. I think that before the motion can be adopted, one day's notice in advance must be given.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The hon. gentleman is too late with his objection—the report has already been adopted.

Hon. Mr. GUEVREMONT—The recommendation may have been adopted, but you cannot make a motion without giving a day's notice.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—After the Bill is read the second time it cannot be taken into consideration without forty-eight hours notice, but no suspension of the Rule is needed for the second reading.

The SPEAKER—I understand that the motion before the House is for the suspension of the Rules and the second reading of the Bill. Such being the case, when one member objects to the suspension of the Rules the motion is out of order and the Bill cannot be read to-day.

Hon. Mr. McMILLAN—I withdraw the part of the motion which refers to the suspension of the Rules, and I now move that the Bill be read the second time.

The SPEAKER—Not being on the Orders of the Day, a special motion is required to have it read to-day, and, an objection having been made to the special motion without due notice, it cannot be read now.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—There is a Rule which states when a Bill originating in the House of Commons comes to the Senate without a petition having been presented to this House, that then after the first reading

the Bill goes to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, so that that Committee may look into the question of notice, which could not be done if a petition had been presented. In this case there was no petition, and the Bill, after the first reading, was referred to the Standing Orders Committee. To-day that committee reports that the notices are complete. The House, therefore, has nothing more to do with this Bill than to read it the second time, because it is in accordance with the Rules of the House. That is why I suggested to the mover that he ought not to add to his motion anything about suspending the Rules. The Rules have been complied with and there is no necessity to suspend them. There is no necessity for the notice of motion; the Bill comes before the House as a matter of course when the committee report that the notices have been regularly given.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—I understand that the Speaker has decided that this Bill, not being on the Orders of the Day, cannot be read the second time without notice. We cannot therefore deal with the matter any further.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY—There is no appeal from the decision of the Chair to the House, so far as I know, and therefore the hon. gentleman who has charge of the Bill should give notice of the second reading at the next sitting of the House.

Hon. Mr. McMILLAN—I move that this Bill be read the second time at the next meeting of the House.

The motion was agreed to.

## SUBSIDIES IN LAND TO RAILWAYS BILL.

### FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—I wish to ask the indulgence of the House to introduce a Bill to enable the Government to deal with some of the North-west lands. I think the House will understand it better if I just read a short memorandum which I have in reference to it, which is as follows:—

Memorandum on Bill intituled "An Act relating to the granting of subsidies in land to railway companies."

Some years ago it was represented to the department (by Mr. Bridges, Land Commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, if I mistake not), that the lands in the southern part of the district of