

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The hon. gentleman is quite correct. After considering this matter in all its phases, while there are many different opinions upon the question, it has been thought much better, in order to allay any feeling of distrust or want of confidence in the permanency of the Acts of the first session of this Parliament, and from the fact that, even if the Supreme Court should decide either one way or the other, it might be subject to an appeal to the Privy Council, and, therefore, keep the question in abeyance for some time, that it would be much better for the government to decide, and to announce at once that they do not intend to ask Parliament to sit after the 25th April.

The motion was withdrawn.

### THIRD READINGS.

Bill (50) "An Act respecting the South Western Railway and the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company."—(Mr. Bellerose.)

Bill (62) "An Act to incorporate the Canadian Peat Fuel Company."—(Mr. McKindsey.)

Bill (J) "An Act respecting the Revision of the Statutes."—(Sir Mackenzie Bowell.)

Bill (36) "An Act respecting the Montreal Island Belt Line Railway Company."—(Mr. Bellerose.)

### CANADIAN HISTORICAL EXHIBITION BILL.

#### REFERRED TO A SELECT COMMITTEE.

The Order of the Day having been called: House again in Committee of the Whole on Bill (F) "An Act respecting the Canadian Historical Exhibition.

Hon. Mr. MACINNES (Burlington) said:—I move that this Order of the Day be discharged and set down for Thursday next. In the meantime I propose that a select committee be appointed to consider the bill and to put it in a shape that it may be acceptable to the House.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I think my hon. friend is not pursuing a strictly parliamentary course in the motion he is making. He moves to discharge the order and set it down for Thursday. What

order? This order will remain in precisely the same position it occupies now if it is brought before the Senate on the 25th of the month. He desires, however, in order to correct some errors that may be in it, or change some of the clauses so as to make the bill acceptable to those who have taken objection, that it should be referred to a select committee. Would it not be better to move that the House do not now resolve itself into a committee of the whole on this bill, but that it be referred to a select committee for consideration? Then it will come back from that committee amended. Then my hon. friend will move the third reading at the following sitting of the House, and we can consider the amendments. Otherwise he would be in this position: he would have a report upon a bill which stands for its third reading.

Hon. Mr. MACINNES (Burlington)—I am perfectly willing to accept the proposal made by the first minister, and I will make my motion in that form. I move that the bill be referred to a select committee composed of the Hon. Messrs. Almon, Pelletier, Masson, Power, McKindsey, Poirier, McDonald (P.E.I.), de Boucherville, Macdonald (Victoria), Sullivan, McClellan, Vidal, Drummond, Ferguson (P.E.I.) and the mover.

The motion was agreed to.

### SECOND READING.

Bill (48) "An Act respecting the Canadian Jockey Club."—(Mr. McKindsey.)

### ONTARIO BUILDING AND LOAN SOCIETIES BILL.

#### SECOND READING POSTPONED.

The order of the day having been called:

Second reading (Bill "K") An Act respecting Building and Loan Societies and Loan and Savings Companies carrying on business in the province of Ontario,

Hon. Mr. POWER said:—With respect to this bill, which is one of some consequence, as the hon. gentleman in charge of the bill has been absent for a considerable time, I think if there is any hon. gentleman interested in it, that it would be well that it should be taken hold of and pushed along,