

BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY—IN COMMITTEE—*Con.*

*Campbell, A.* (Centre York)—*Con.*

the yeas and nays were called the nays were overwhelmingly against the motion—3961.

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas.* (Minister of Justice)—3955.

This Bill might properly be allowed to go into committee and be discussed there, but it ought not to leave committee until the legislation promised has been submitted to the House for consideration—3955.

*Lancaster, E. A.* (Lincoln and Niagara)—3954.

I must protest against the promoter of the Bill proceeding with the measure now. We cannot tell what the provisions of the General Bill proposed by the Minister of Justice will be until that Bill has been actually passed—3954. I am satisfied that the Railway Committee would not have passed the Bill in the shape in which it now appears had it not been for the assurance given by the Minister of Justice—3955. I think the chairman of the committee has made an error in speaking in regard to the amendment of my hon. friend from Simcoe (Mr. Lennox) to refer back the Bill—3957. Details the proceedings in committee—3958. If this Bill has to go through, it can do no harm to have it go back, and to have that motion of the member for Simcoe (Mr. Lennox) dealt with calmly, quietly and dispassionately—3959. The chairman drew the attention of Mr. Osler and other members to the fact that the discussion would be more in order when we had passed the preamble, and were dealing with section 1, and there it stopped—3963.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister) 3956.

The Department of Justice has not yet reported on that point—3956.

*Lennox, Haughton* (South Simcoe)—3906.

I say distinctly that this Bill was not in a position to be reported. I generally have a great persuasive power over the Chairman of the Railway Committee, but on that occasion I failed—3956. Although this is Monday, and there is not as good a representation in the House as I would like, still I shall move that this Bill be not proceeded with, but be referred back to the committee for further consideration—3957. Does not my hon. friend (Mr. Bergeron) know that I had asked for the yeas and nays distinctly several times, and that a sufficient number of members stood up?—3960. The hon. member for South York (Mr. Maclean) was not there that day—3961. Then we had a vote, and at the conclusion of the vote I moved my amendment; Mr. Bennett protested against the ruling of the chairman after my motion had been ruled out—3962. The question is not exhausted yet—3963.

*Maclean, W. F.* (South York)—3953.

I understand from the newspapers that this Bill was to be held over until the pro-

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posed amendments to the Railway Act were passed—3953. This Bill should not be advanced a single stage until we know whether or not it is the intention of the government to put through the telephone amendments this session—3954.

*Pringle, R. A.* (Stormont)—3961.

I cannot see any great advantage to be gained by having this Bill go back to the Railway Committee. In regard to what occurred on the last day I think it is only fair and proper to the chairman to say that he endeavored to keep the best of order in the committee—3961. Any of these questions can be brought up when the House is in Committee of the Whole, and I do not see any reason why we should not now go into committee on the Bill—3962.

*Roche, W. J.* (Marquette)—3955.

I am led to believe that, under these amendments the Minister of Railways will have some control over the rates and that municipalities will probably retain control over their streets—3955. I would ask now whether this parliament has jurisdiction to confer power upon the provinces to expropriate existing telephone lines? Then, I protest against this Bill being proceeded with until this point has been considered—3956.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—3963.

Considering the very hasty and unsatisfactory manner in which it was passed through the committee, I think the only proper thing to do would be to refer it back to the committee—3963. There is plenty of time for this to be done with this Bill, and I have no doubt it would pass the House with less difficulty—3964.

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House in Committee on Bill (81) respecting Bell Telephone Company of Canada—Mr. Bureau—3964. Motion by Mr. Bureau, that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again. Motion agreed to—3969.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—3964.

I would suppose that if the Bill passed in committee upon an assurance that certain legislation would be introduced, that the Bill would not go out of the committee until it was indicated what the legislation was to be—3964.

*Bureau, Jacques* (Three Rivers)—3969.

Moves that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again—3969.

*Fitzpatrick, Hon. Chas.* (Minister of Justice)—3965.

Repeats the assurance of subsequent general legislation which was given to the