

put of record in the Act. He, therefore, knew nothing about the mistake. If he had been here, undoubtedly it would have been corrected. No one else outside of the draughtsman or the people connected with the Government Department knew that the error had occurred, or knew anything about it, and he did not discover it until after the Session was over. Upon his ascertaining that the error had been committed he represented the case to the Government, and an Order in Council was passed last October correcting the mistake, and it is to enable that Order in Council to be put in force that the present Bill is introduced to substitute the name of the company which is to build the road and has the power to build the road for the name of the company which is not to build the road and has no power to do it.

HON. MR. MURPHY, from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

**ERIE AND HURON RAILWAY CO.'S BILL.**

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. MCINNES (B.C.), in the absence of Mr. VIDAL, moved the second reading of Bill (57) "An Act respecting the Erie and Huron Railway Company." He said: This Bill is an ordinary railway Bill, asking for power to extend the railway from Dresden, in the county of Bothwell, to Oil Springs, Petrolia and Sarnia. I do not think the Bill contains any unusual clauses—at least, if it does I am not aware of it, and my hon. friend gave me to understand before he left for home that he thought there would be no objection to it.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

**THE RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.**

WITHDRAWN.

The Order of the Day being called,—Second reading Bill (L) "An Act to amend the Railway Act as respects running powers."

HON. MR. BOULTON said, With the permission of the House, I shall withdraw this Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was withdrawn.

**TRADE MARKS AMENDMENT BILL.**

THIRD READING.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (18) "An Act to amend the Act respecting Trade Marks and Industrial Designs."

(In the Committee.)

HON. MR. MILLER—Is it intended here to give the Exchequer Court exclusive jurisdiction in these matters?

HON. MR. ABBOTT—Yes; the Exchequer Court, which is a much better tribunal to decide important questions of law, is substituted for the Minister.

HON. MR. MILLER—It is not exclusive jurisdiction under the 3rd section.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—Only on one subject.

HON. MR. BOULTON, from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

THIRD READING.

Bill (H) "An Act for the relief of Christiana Filman Glover." (Mr. Clemow.)

**DISCLOSURE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION BILL.**

SECOND READING.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved the second reading of Bill (T) "An Act to prevent the disclosure of Official Documents and Information." He said: This is a Bill, introduced for the purpose of preventing and punishing misconduct in the disclosure, by persons in positions of trust, of important information respecting public matters, which comes to them by virtue of the trust reposed in them. It is a subject which has attracted a good deal of attention in England and Europe the last three or four years in connection with some extraordinary disclosures which were made there of public documents of the very highest national importance. I am informed that this Bill is very nearly an exact copy of the English Act passed