

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—That is not the proper committee.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I am not going to contend that he was right.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—If the hon. member from Ottawa is not satisfied he can rise and say that he wants it sent to the Private Bills Committee.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—He can, but he did not do so; but for the Speaker to say he will call on the Sergeant at Arms to put me out is an absurdity.

Hon. Mr. WILSON—The words ought to be taken down. They are very unfair, and when the Speaker decides a point of order, if the hon. member is dissatisfied the only course he can take is to appeal from the decision of the Chair and call for a vote.

ACTING-SPEAKER—The question is on the motion to refer this Bill to the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours.

The motion was agreed too.

LAND TITLES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.  
IN COMMITTEE.

The House resumed in Committee of the Whole in consideration of Bill (113) An Act to amend the Land Titles Act.

(In the Committee.)

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—This Bill is similar to Bills introduced in the old province about one hundred years ago, before these various religious bodies were incorporated. It applies only to unorganized territories of Canada and has no reference to Manitoba, Alberta or Saskatchewan. The necessity of it arose from a church which was built by the Anglican body up in the neighbourhood of Dawson. There is no organization that would have authority to incorporate a body up there, and this is of course only a temporary Bill just to suit the conditions in the primitive state of things there, where there is no representative body. When the part of the country in which this Bill will prevail comes under provincial jurisdiction, it will be a very easy matter for the particular body to obtain an Act of incorporation. In the meantime, it is a makeshift for the purpose of enabling the congregation to hold its property.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT—Would not this Bill apply to the provinces of Ontario and Quebec?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT—Is it so provided for in the Act?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The Land Titles Act only applies to the western country. It has no bearing in Ontario or Quebec.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT—It is so stated in the Revised Statutes.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Has not the executive that governs the Yukon Territory power to pass an ordinance giving the powers of a corporation? I observed that, in the Lower House, notice has been given of a Bill to confer full elective powers for the election of members to the Yukon council. Would they not have the power, under the constitution to be given them, to pass an Act for the incorporation of the congregation to which this Bill refers?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I consulted the Minister of the Interior and he said not, and the Bill was sent to the Department of Justice to be drawn. I am inclined to think it is not in Dawson proper; it is outside some place where, probably, the authority of the council in the town of Dawson would have no jurisdiction.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The whole of that country is under the jurisdiction of the Yukon council, is it not?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I am not very sure of that.

Hon. Mr. ELLIS from the committee reported the Bill without amendment.

NIAGARA, ST. CATHARINES AND  
TORONTO RAILWAY COMPANY  
BILL.

Hon. Mr. ELLIS moved concurrence in the report of the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours on Bill (82) An Act respecting the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Company.

Hon. Mr. KERR moved in amendment:

That the said report be not now concurred in, but that the Bill be referred back to the said committee for further consideration.