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Hon. Mr. McDOUGALL (Lanark North) said there were other clauses which would have to be considered, for instance those relating to the Juries and the language of defence.

The Committee rose, reported progress and asked leave to sit again tomorrow.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCES

The House went into Committee, **Mr. SCATCERD** in the chair, to consider certain Resolutions for an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the draft of a Bill intended for submission to the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of removing doubts which may have been entertained respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada, to establish the Provinces and Territories admitted, or which may hereafter be admitted into the Dominion of Canada, and to provide for the representation of such Provinces in the said Parliament, and vesting such powers in the said Parliament.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER promised to consider a suggestion of Mr. Mills as to the Laws on Elections and the Committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again tomorrow.

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PACIFIC RAILWAY

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER moved that the House should go into Committee to consider the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Railway referred to in the Address to Her Majesty concerning the Union of British Columbia with Canada, adopted by this House on Saturday the 1st April instant, should be constructed and worked by private enterprise, and not by the Dominion Government; and that the public aid to be given to secure that undertaking should consist of such liberal grants of land, and such subsidy of money, or other aid, not unduly pressing on the industry and resources of the Dominion, as the Parliament of Canada shall hereafter determine.

Mr. MACKENZIE objected to the motion as out of order, the House having already considered a similar Resolution moved by the member for Sherbrooke.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER said the proposition he submitted was different from that of the hon. member for Sherbrooke, but even if it were not different, it could not be considered in its present form today. The motion of the member for Sherbrooke affected the second reading of the Bill, but the present was a distinct proposition. He pointed out the particulars in which he considered the two propositions differed.

Hon. Sir A.T. GALT thought the motions were so identical that he should have to vote for the present one; but he thought under the circumstances the motion was in order and should be considered.

Hon. Mr. ANGLIN said he thought the resolution was something in the nature of a declaratory act, modifying the measure previously passed on the subject.

Mr. MACKENZIE maintained that the resolution was identical with the previous one, and had already been negatived.

After some further discussion,

The SPEAKER ruled the proposition in order, and said it would have been so at the present stage, had the two motions been alike, word for word.

The House then went into Committee, and reported the Resolution, which was read a first and second time.

Hon. Mr. DORION said he thought it would be unfair to mislead the people of British Columbia by admitting them on one condition and now passing a Resolution that that condition need be kept. The terms of Union pledged the construction of the Railway, but the present made it uncertain. He thought the matter should be made clear, and he therefore moved in amendment that the building of the Railway should be confined to the way mentioned in the Resolution, and that an Address should be presented to Her Majesty praying her to be pleased to consider the Resolution as part of the Address of the 1st April, and as one of the conditions of Union with British Columbia to be embodied in the Order in Council declaring the Union.

Hon. Sir A.T. GALT said the Address having been passed, he could not vote for any addition, and the whole responsibility of the conditions contained in that Address rested with those who had carried it, and not with him.

The amendment was put and the vote resulted as follows: Yeas 42, Nays 79.

Mr. TREMBLAY moved in amendment that the construction of the road should be entrusted to private companies, who should make the necessary disbursements, and receive as compensation such lands as the Government should judge convenient to grant along the line of route, or in the neighbourhood thereof.

The amendment was voted on as follows: Yeas 11, Nays 106.

The main motion was carried, and at a quarter past six the House rose till eight o'clock.

AFTER RECESS

BANKS AND BANKING

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS moved the second reading of the amendments to the Bill relating to Banks and Banking. He explained that the amendments were not of such a nature as to interfere with the general principles or provisions of the Bill.