

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—It was built for the benefit of the whole Dominion.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Yes.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—Does the hon. gentleman think the two provinces should be loaded up with an exemption on \$20,000,000 of property for the benefit of Canada, without getting something in return?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—They are not loaded up.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—I consider that an exemption which amounts to something over \$750,000 a year, with the small population in those provinces, is a loading up. I understand the statement was made by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons that in the near future some steps would have to be taken by the people of this country with the object of making some arrangements with reference to that exemption.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—That was to please the gentlemen from the Northwest.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—The hon. leader of the opposition made the statement that he thought something should be done, that some arrangements should be made with the Canadian Pacific Railway, whereby we should get a release of that exemption. So that we have the statement made by the hon. leader of the opposition, and the statement made by the Prime Minister, that they consider it nothing but right that the people should be relieved from that liability, and that something should be done with reference to it. Our object is to put ourselves on record that it is the Dominion government that is responsible and not the people of those two provinces, because we will have two railroads in the future, as I pointed out the other night, and they will build branches all over the west, and the exemptions will be worth more than all the grant we are getting from the Dominion Treasury. In that case I think it would be better for us to go in without a subsidy or capitation tax of any kind, and that we should be relieved of this incubus placed upon us by the government some time ago. This road was built to bring British Columbia into confederation, and

to develop the country, and Canada is getting the benefit of it. Canada should undertake the settlement of this liability.

The clause was adopted.

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

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN AUTONOMY BILL.

REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE.

The House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on Bill (70), An Act to establish and provide for the government of the province of Saskatchewan.

(In the Committee).

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—It will be understood that all the amendments moved to Bill (69) will be taken as moved to this Bill (70).

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Yes. It will be understood those amendments will appear in the same order in the minutes with reference to this Bill.

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

The Senate adjourned until 11 a.m. to-day.

SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, July 18, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

OLD AGE ANNUITIES.

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN inquired:

Does the government propose to take any action in reference to the subject of granting old age annuities referred to by the Honourable Minister of Finance on several occasions in another place?

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—This matter has been engaging the attention of the government. Unfortunately, owing to the course of events in the other chamber it has been impossible to bring the matter forward in time to have due consideration bestowed upon it. Had our rules permitted, it would have given me very great pleasure to have introduced the measure in the Senate, and but for the fact that it affects