

cause the Prime Minister himself has intimated that he is not aware of what the amendment is, although it was previously placed before the House. This is a question which not only affects the province of British Columbia, but the whole of the Dominion of Canada. British Columbia is not a province in which you can build a railway wherever you please, because its topographical conformation makes that impossible.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Nine o'clock.

Mr. LENNOX. I suppose the Speaker will know when it is nine o'clock.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hour for private Bills being exhausted, the House will resume the order of business.

Mr. LENNOX. I have something more to say at another time.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

House resumed debate on the motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for the third reading of Bill (No. 69) to establish and provide for the government of the province of Alberta.

Mr. J. G. H. BERGERON (Beauharnois). Mr. Speaker, on the motion for the third reading of this Bill I desire to propose an amendment similar to that which I have already proposed in Committee of the Whole. When I proposed this amendment in the committee the Minister of Justice criticised its wording more than the principle which it contained. I have therefore tried to meet his views by making a more perfect translation into English of this amendment, which I originally wrote in French. I have modified the wording slightly, and have added a few words at the end of paragraph D. I beg to move, seconded by Mr. Paquet :

That all the words of the amendment be struck out, and the following substituted therefor : 16. Section 93 of the British North America Act, 1867, shall apply to the said province as if at the date fixed for the coming into force of this Act, the territory included in the said province were already a province, the word union in the said section meaning the said date :

2. The legislature shall have the right to pass laws with reference to education, but it shall always provide for, (a) the existence of separate schools and their enjoyment by the minority, Protestant or Catholic, who may claim them ; (b) the effective control of said schools in matters of teaching by the said minority ; (c) the full liberty for the majority in any school districts to have such schools as it may desire ; (d) the equitable and proportionate distribution between the majority and the minority of all moneys appropriated for education by the legislature of the province and of all moneys arising from the school fund established by the Dominion Lands Act.

House divided on amendment (Mr. Bergeron) :

Mr. LENNOX.

YEAS:

Messieurs.

Bergeron, Monk,
Bourassa, Morin,
Lavergne (Montmagny), Paquet.—7.
Léonard,

NAYS:

Messieurs.

Adamson, Lalor,
Alcorn, Lamont,
Archambault, Lapointe,
Barker, Laurier (Sir Wilfrid),
Barr, Laurier (L'Assomption),
Béland, Lavergne (Drummond &
Belcourt, Arth.
Bennett, Law,
Bickerdike, LeBlanc,
Black, Lemieux,
Blain, Lennox,
Borden (Carleton), Macdonald,
Boyce, Macdonell,
Brabazon, MacLaren,
Brodeur, Maclean (Lunenburg),
Brown, Macpherson,
Bruneau, McCarthy (Calgary),
Bureau, McColl,
Burrows, McCool,
Caldwell, McIntyre,
Calvert, McIsaac,
Campbell, McKenzie (Bruce),
Cash, McKenzie
Chisholm, (Cape Breton, N),
Christie, McLennan,
Carrier, Marcile (Bagot),
Clarke, Marcil (Bonaventure),
Cochrane, Martin (Wellington),
Cockshutt, Mayrand,
Connree, Meigs,
Costigan, Miller,
Crawford, Northrup,
Crocket, Oliver,
Cyr, Parmelee,
Daniel, Paterson,
Delisle, Parent,
Demers, Perley,
Derbyshire, Piché,
Desjardins, Pickup,
Devlin, Porter,
Dubeau, Power,
Dugas, Préfontaine,
Elson, Proulx,
Emmerson, Ratz,
Ethier, Reid (Restigouche),
Finlayson, Riley,
Fisher, Roche (Marquette),
Fitzpatrick, Ross (Rimouski),
Fortier, Ross (Yale-Cariboo),
Gallihier, Rousseau,
Gauvreau, Schaffner,
Geoffrion, Schell (Oxford),
Girard, Sinclair,
Gladu, Smith (Oxford),
Grant, Sproule,
Greenway, Staples,
Gunn, Stockton,
Guthrie, Talbot (Bellechasse),
Hall, Talbot (Strathcona),
Henderson, Taylor,
Herron, Telford,
Hughes (King's, P.E.I.), Turgeon,
Hughes (Victoria), Turriff,
Hunt, Walsh,
Jackson (Elgin), Wilmot,
Jackson (Selkirk), Wilson
Johnston (Cape Breton) (Lennox & Addington)