

Bill I do not think anything need be said. We have received in the past at the hands of this government very fair consideration. We have received representation in this House and in the upper chamber. We have received reasonable financial consideration, increasing as our needs increased, although possibly not fully up to the mark of our requirements. And now, that it has seemed good to the government of the day and to, I think, the large majority of the people of the country to erect these Territories into provinces, it is certainly something of which we may very well be proud that we enter confederation upon such favourable terms. We only regret that this particular subject should have been the occasion of such a great amount of what I may be justified in calling malicious misrepresentation for the purpose of making party capital. We had hoped that our entrance into confederation as full fledged provinces would be under altogether auspicious circumstances. With this exception they are altogether auspicious and perhaps when we have threshed out this question in parliament we will all understand each other better, we will all know where we severally stand on this important question and perhaps it will be the last we will hear in Canada of this much vexed school question.

Mr. H. BOURASSA moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved the adjournment of the House. He said: Monday being private members' day, probably this debate will not be continued on that day, but it will be resumed on Tuesday. At the same time I am giving notice to the House that the government intends to move next week to take Mondays as well as other days after private Bills and questions put by members. The calendar is pretty fully charged with orders placed upon it by different members of the House so that I think it would be well that members who intend to move resolutions should do so on Monday next.

Mr. FOSTER. When the debate is resumed on Tuesday I suppose it will go on consecutively?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Yes, from day to day.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 11 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, March 27, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS.

THE OTTAWA ELECTRIC COMPANY.

House in committee on Bill (No. 12) respecting the Ottawa Electric Company.—Mr. Galliher.

On section 2—shares in other companies.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN (South York). Mr. Chairman, I wish to read a resolution in regard to this Ottawa Electric Bill which was passed by the municipal council of the city of Toronto. I have received the following letter:

City Clerk's Office, Toronto, Feb. 14, 1905.

Dear Sir,—I have the honour by direction of his worship the mayor to forward herewith a copy of a resolution which was adopted by the city council at its meeting held on the 13th instant, as follows:

Whereas, the city of Ottawa entered into certain agreements with the Metropolitan Railway Company of Ottawa, Limited, and with the Consumers Electric Company, Limited, respectively, in which it was provided that the said companies should not at any time during a period provided in the said agreement, amalgamate or combine with any other company or companies carrying on or which might thereafter carry on in the said city of Ottawa a business for supplying electricity for the purpose of supplying power, light or heat, nor should the said company or companies enter into any contract, agreement or arrangement with any other such company for such purpose, or that should have such effect, nor should the said companies enter into any contract, agreement or arrangement with any such other company for the purpose, or that might have the effect of creating a monopoly for the business of supplying electricity for the purposes aforesaid without the permission of the council of the corporation of the city of Ottawa to be expressed by by-law;

And whereas, the Ottawa Electric Company are by Bill No. 12 seeking legislation at the present session of the Dominion parliament at Ottawa which will enable them to purchase the stock of the said Metropolitan and the said Consumers Companies and thus become the owners thereof, and, by so doing, avoid the said agreements;

And whereas, it is desirable that the agreements, interests and vested rights of municipalities should be respected and preserved, and the passing of the proposed legislation will, in the opinion of this council, vitally affect the vested rights and interests of the city of Ottawa and destroy the purposes of the said agreements;

Be it resolved, that this council does most respectfully petition the parliament of Canada to resist and prevent the passage of the said legislation, and does most respectfully request the members of the city of Toronto to oppose it.

Your obedient servant,
W. A. LITTLEJOHN,
City Clerk.

W. F. Maclean, Esq., M.P.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Now, Mr. Chairman, there is the resolution of the city of Toronto, which has a vital interest in maintaining what it calls