

argument put up by corporations who desire to get rights that should not be granted them. Therefore we take this statement with some suspicion; and, before acting upon it, we should at least verify it by inquiry. Then, we are told that this Bill is one that, on its merits ought to pass. And in one of the newspapers of Ottawa we see arguments in support of the Bill. Naturally we ask ourselves, is this an independent authority? Is this a disinterested party giving advice to the parliament of Canada as one of the ratepayers of the city of Ottawa? And when we inquire into the facts, we are told that this same paper is controlled by the corporation that desires to get these rights from parliament. What dependence can we place upon advice from such a source?

Mr. H. J. LOGAN (Cumberland). Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) allow me a word? He says that the Ottawa 'Free Press' is controlled by the Ottawa Electric Company. It is only fair to say that the 'Free Press' stated yesterday in its editorial column that it was not owned or controlled by the Electric Company.

Mr. SPROULE. I can only say that my information is from one of the aldermen of the city of Ottawa whose truthfulness I have no reason to doubt.

Mr. A. JOHNSTON (Cape Breton). Name.

Mr. SPROULE. It is not the hon. gentleman's business to get the name.

Mr. A. JOHNSTON. Will the hon. gentleman (Mr. Sproule) allow me—

Mr. SPROULE. If the hon. gentleman (Mr. A. Johnston) inquired with a view to adding to his knowledge, it would not be so bad, for I am sure no member of this House needs it more. But his interruptions are invariably for the purpose of interfering with the hon. gentleman who has the floor for the time being. In the face of all the facts, should we accept the statement of this newspaper as independent evidence that what is proposed in this Bill is right? I do not think we should. Nor do I think we are doing our duty here in interfering with a contract that was honourably made between this corporation and the corporation of the city of Ottawa. We are helping one of the parties to violate the contract they entered into with the people of Ottawa, the result of which must be to impose a very heavy tax upon the people of Ottawa who must use electric light in the future. Is parliament doing its highest duty if it permits that to be done? I do not think it is. I think we are going into a domain which does not properly belong to us, and we are doing a great injustice to the people of Ottawa. We are doing an improper thing if we enable one of the parties to the contract to dishonour their own contract that they made with the city

some years ago, and agreed to abide by. I think we should not do that, and I shall vote in favour of the amendment.

House divided on amendment (Mr. Stewart).

YEAS.

Messieurs

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Ames,	Lalor,
Barr,	Laurence,
Belcourt,	Lennox,
Bennett,	Lewis,
Blain,	Loggie,
Bland,	MacLaren,
Boyce,	Maclean (York, S.),
Brabazon,	McCarthy (Calgary),
Burrows,	McIntyre,
Campbell,	McKenzie (Bruce),
Chisholm,	Martin (Queen's, P.E.I.),
Christie,	Martin (Wellington),
Clarke,	Miller,
Clements,	Mulock (Sir William),
Cockshutt,	Oliver,
Daniel,	Paterson,
Elson,	Ratz,
Foster,	Schaffner,
Gallery,	Sproule,
Gordon,	Staples,
Gunn,	Stewart,
Henderson,	Talbot (Strathcona),
Herron,	Thompson,
Hyman,	Walsh,
Ingram,	Wilson
Jackson (Selkirk),	(Lennox & Addington)
Johnston (Lambton),	Zimmerman—56.
Kemp,	

NAYS.

Messieurs

Archambault,	Lavergne
Beauparlant,	(Drummond & Arth.),
Béland,	LeBlanc,
Bergeron,	Lemieux,
Bickerdike,	Léonard,
Boyer,	Logan,
Brodeur,	Lovell,
Brown,	Macdonald,
Bruneau,	Maclean (Lunenburg),
Bureau,	Macpherson,
Caldwell,	McCarthy (Simcoe),
Calvert,	McColl,
Carney,	McCool,
Carvell,	McIsaac,
Cash,	McKenzie
Copp,	(Cape Breton, N.),
Cyr,	McLennan,
Delisle,	Marcil (Bonaventure),
Demers (St. John),	Mayrand,
Derbyshire,	Meigs,
Desjardins,	Monk,
Devlin,	Morin,
Dugas,	Parmelee,
Fielding,	Parent,
Finlay,	Piché,
Finlayson,	Pickup,
Fitzpatrick,	Reid (Restigouche),
Fortier,	Riley,
Galliher,	Ross (Rimouski),
Gauvreau,	Ross (Yale-Cariboo),
Geoffrion,	Rousseau,
Girard,	Savoie,
Hall,	Scott,