

Bourassa,	Law,
Brabazon,	LeBlanc,
Brodeur,	Lemieux,
Brown,	Leonard,
Bruneau,	Macdonald,
Bureau,	Maclean (Lunenburg),
Burrows,	Macpherson,
Caldwell,	McColl,
Calvert,	McCool,
Campbell,	McIsaac,
Carney,	McKenzie (Bruce),
Carrier,	McKenzie (Cape Breton
Cash,	North),
Clarke,	McLennan,
Connée,	Marcile (Bagot),
Copp,	Marcil (Bonaventure),
Costigan,	Martin (Wellington),
Crawford,	Mayrand,
Cyr,	Meigs,
Delisle,	Miller,
Demers,	Monk,
Derbyshire,	Morin,
Desjardins,	Oliver,
Devlin,	Parmelee,
Dubeau,	Paterson,
Dugas,	Paquet,
Emmerson,	Parent,
Ethier,	Perley,
Finlayson,	Piché,
Fisher,	Pickup,
Fitzpatrick,	Power,
Fortier,	Préfontaine,
Gallier,	Proulx,
Gauvreau,	Reid (Restigouche),
Geoffrion,	Riley,
Girard,	Ross (Rimouski),
Gladu,	Ross (Yale-Cariboo),
Grant,	Schell (Oxford),
Greenway,	Scott,
Guthrie,	Sinclair,
Hall,	Smith (Oxford),
Hughes (King's, P.E.I.),	Talbot (Bellechasse),
Hunt,	Talbot (Strathcona),
Jackson (Selkirk),	Telford,
Johnston (Cape Breton	Turgeon,
South),	Wilson (Russell),
	Wright (Renfrew).—109.

## PAIRS :

Government.	Opposition.
Gordon,	Clements,
Harty,	Reid,
German,	Ganong,
Mulock,	White,
Logan,	LeFurgey,
Tobin,	McLean (York),
Sloan,	Osler,
Lanctot,	Lancaster,
Savoie,	McLean (P.E.I.),
Fielding,	Foster,
Turritt,	Ward,
Watson,	Avery,
Dyment,	Ingram,
Finlay,	Broder,
Smith (Nanaimo),	Porter,
Stewart,	Armstrong,
Zimmerman,	Bristol,
Bole,	Bland,
Sifton,	McCarthy (Simcoe),
Carvel,	Fowler,

Amendment (Mr. R. L. Borden) negatived.

Mr. TAYLOR. The hon. member for North Toronto (Mr. Foster) did not vote.

Mr. FOSTER. I am paired with the hon. member for Shelburne, the Minister of Finance. If I had voted I would have voted for the amendment.

At six o'clock, House took recess.

## After Recess.

House resumed at eight o'clock.

## PRIVATE BILLS.

## VANCOUVER, VICTORIA AND EASTERN RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Mr. DUNCAN ROSS moved third reading of Bill (No. 139) respecting the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company.

Mr. FOSTER. I understood that there was a question raised by the Minister of Justice with reference to the fourth clause. I do not see the minister in his place, but I believe that the objection he raised was sufficiently important to lead the First Minister to say that it would be looked into before the third reading.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The point raised by the Minister of Justice was that the clause with reference to the amalgamation was rather vague, declaring that certain roads are for the general advantage of Canada when they are all put together. I have not spoken to the Minister, but I have had the matter looked into for my own information, and I find that the companies here referred to are Canadian companies and the roads Canadian roads. Therefore, it is only a question of degree how far the government should permit the amalgamation and should declare these roads to be for the general advantage of Canada. If they are all amalgamated, they are for the general advantage of Canada, and if only a part of them are amalgamated, they are for the general advantage of Canada. These questions have all, I am sure, been considered by the Railway Committee, and I have always made it a rule to support the report of the Railway Committee unless there are strong reasons to the contrary.

Mr. SPROULE. I understood that provision was made for the amalgamation of some roads which are not specified.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. They are all specified.

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, when the Bill was before the Railway Committee I objected to the third clause and desired to have it amended, but my amendment was laid over on the suggestion of the Minister of Finance that it would be considered by the government. I, therefore, did not test the efficacy of that amendment in the committee as I otherwise would have done, and I propose now to submit it to the House. My amendment is as follows: