

MR. SPEAKER'S DECISION

ON

BILL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION ACT.

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The Honourable the Senior Member for Nanaimo has moved for leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Constitution Act, 1871,' so as to provide for biennial Sessions of the Legislative Assembly."

On this motion a point of order has been raised, on the ground that a motion for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Constitution by a Private Member of the House is out of order.

By section 3 of the Terms of Union, the Dominion Government undertake to pay to British Columbia, for the support of its Government and Legislature, an annual subsidy of \$35,000.

I am of opinion that the Bill proposed to be introduced is out of order, in that it would be contrary to the provisions of the Terms of Union.

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Speaker.

22nd March, 1887.
