

readiness, and a meeting has been held between the Fire Marshal and the chief fire warden to co-ordinate this set-up.

8. A sprinkler system is in operation for the interior protection against fire, but does not provide protection for the outer walls, which are covered with fire-resistive asbestos shingles. This sprinkler system is so arranged that in the event of a head blowing off, an alarm is sounded. Arrangements are under way to have the Dominion Electrical Company supervise this system and install a fire alarm system inside the building.

PRESS REPORTER OF THE SENATE REPORT OF COMMITTEE CONCURRED IN

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the sixth report of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, as follows:

1. Your committee have in obedience to the order of reference of the 21st July, instant, considered the second report of the Standing Committee on Debates and Reporting nominating Mr. Georges Langlois to fill temporarily the vacancy on the reporting staff caused by the death of Mr. J. Fortier.

2. Your committee recommend that the Senate concur in the said report, and that Mr. Langlois be paid at the rate of \$10 per week during the forthcoming recess of Parliament.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Hon. Mr. WHITE moved concurrence in the report.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Honourable senators, only two or three words. All honourable members know that I am opposed to the principle involved in this motion. I do not know the distinguished gentleman referred to in the report. To the best of my knowledge, I have never met him; so there is certainly nothing personal about my stand. The practice to which I object has been going on, it is said, since 1913, long before I ever dreamt I should be here. If we judge by the past few years and figure the thing out at \$1,500 a year, it means that \$45,000 has been spent. For what? To boost the stock of the Senate of Canada. That is the people's money. It is true that the committee sat for sixteen minutes yesterday and concurred in the report that is before us. Personally, I am against it. I may be in an absolute minority, but I do not think we should spend the people's money in this way. I think we should stand on the merits of the Senate, and not boost our own stock by hiring, with the people's money, somebody to give us mention from time to time.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. KING.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, my information is that there is a hope that the work on which the other Chamber is now engaged will be concluded this morning. I would move that when the Senate adjourns it stand adjourned until 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Second Sitting

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, I have nothing further to report. The House of Commons met at 2 o'clock, and I understand it expects to conclude its business this afternoon. I move therefore that we adjourn during pleasure, to reconvene at the call of the bell.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the sitting was resumed.

Hon. Mr. KING: Honourable senators, I thought it only fair to bring you together and tell you that we may safely adjourn during pleasure until 8 o'clock. I would ask you then to remain nearby, where you can be summoned by the bell. I move that the Senate adjourn during pleasure.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The Senate resumed at 10 p.m.

APPROPRIATION BILL NO. 5

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill No. 140, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st of March, 1944.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

Hon. J. H. KING moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable senators are familiar with the fact that earlier in the session we passed two interim supply bills for a third of the appropriation, leaving the remaining two-thirds to be voted at this time. This Bill calls for an appropriation of \$161,231,995.62; there