

Monday, June 28, 1920.

The House met at Two o'clock.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Mr. H. B. MORPHY (North Perth) presented the first and final report of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

FINAL REPORT OF PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

FURTHER COPIES REQUIRED.

Mr. HUME CRONYN (London) moved:

That 1,000 additional copies of the third and final report of the Special Committee on Pensions and Re-establishment be printed in English and sent to the clerk of the committee for distribution as instructed, and that Rule 74 be suspended in relation thereto.

He said: The original motion authorized the printing of 1,000 copies, but the demand for copies has been so great that the supply is almost exhausted, and it is quite evident we shall need more copies for distribution throughout the country.

Mr. SPEAKER: This is a motion which, in the absence of notice, will require unanimous consent.

Mr. J. A. CURRIE (North Simcoe): As chairman of the Committee on Printing, which has control of these matters, I would say that no application for the printing of further copies has been made to the committee, and it is therefore contrary to the rules of the House to make a motion of this kind. I would ask the hon. member to make application to the Printing Committee and we will see that he gets the extra copies printed within the next two or three days.

Mr. SPEAKER: Do I understand that the hon. member objects to the motion?

Mr. CURRIE: Yes.

Motion stands.

REMISSION OF CHARGES IN DIVORCE CASES.

Mr. H. C. HOCKEN (West Toronto) moved:

That in accordance with the recommendation contained in the twelfth report of the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, the additional charge levied and paid under Rule 89, paragraph 3 (c) on Bill No. 207 (Letter E-5 of the Senate), for the relief of Charles Henry Foster be remitted.

Hon. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX (Maison-neuve): Explain.

Mr. HOCKEN: The charge in this case was made because the Bill was not intro-

duced within the time prescribed by the rules of the House. The responsibility for that was upon the solicitor for the applicant, and he feels that his client ought to get this relief, which has been granted to so many others in the same circumstances.

Mr. LEMIEUX: I understand that this is a divorce Bill.

Mr. HOCKEN: Yes.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Is it the custom, Mr. Speaker, to remit the fees in divorce cases?

Mr. SPEAKER: Speaking from memory, it has been done this session in one or two instances. It has also been done, I believe, in previous sessions. The motion in its terms states that it is based on the recommendation of the committee.

Mr. LEMIEUX: If it is carried, it will be carried on division.

Motion agreed to on division.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF REPORTS.

Mr. J. A. CURRIE (North Simcoe) moved:

That the second and third reports of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament be now concurred in.

Rt. Hon Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I would ask my hon. friend to defer his motion until to-morrow. One section of the report deals especially with statistical reports, and I am afraid as it stands it might cause some confusion. I have asked the proper officer to interview the chairman of the committee with reference to the matter.

Mr. CURRIE: I might say that I was absent from the committee when the second report was dealt with. I understood from my colleagues in the Senate on the committee that the report was to be discussed at another meeting of the Printing Committee, and I was therefore surprised a few days later to find that the report had been presented to the Senate, necessitating its being presented here by me. The third report does not deal with any controversial matters, but only with public documents presented to the House, recommending that certain of them be printed and that others be not printed. I would therefore suggest that the House adopt the third report, and let the second report stand.