

Mr. GARDINER: I would ask the Finance minister how long we are going to continue sitting.

Mr. ROBB: We might clean up a few more items. I am sure hon. members are anxious to have prorogation as soon as possible. I am getting pretty tired myself but I think we might put through a few more items.

Mr. GARDINER: We have just passed an item to erect a memorial in the United States for United States citizens who fell while serving in the Canadian forces. At the rate we are proceeding, we will need a memorial for every member of this House.

Mr. BENNETT: The committee had better rise, it is half-past three o'clock.

Mr. ROBB: Very well, I am willing that the committee should rise and report progress.

Mr. GEARY: Before the committee rises may I ask the Postmaster General if he could give me information readily as to the profits or loss on the carrying of newspapers?

Mr. BENNETT: He gave that information the other day, and it is in Hansard.

Mr. VENIOT: I may say that 90,000,000 pounds of newspapers and periodicals were carried at a cost of \$8,500,000. The revenue was only \$1,500,000, so there is a deficit of \$7,000,000.

Mr. GEARY: That being the case, is it not true that the reduction in postage on newspapers provided for by statute the other day is in reality, to the extent of the loss caused thereby, a bonus paid by the country to the newspapers taking advantage of the reduced rate?

Mr. VENIOT: Yes.

Item agreed to.

Mr. ROBB: I move that the committee report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. SPENCER: May I say to the Postmaster General that I was informed by his department a year ago that it was their policy to create two new rural mail delivery routes each year for each federal constituency?

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I am very sorry, but there is a motion before the chair to report progress.

Progress reported.

PRIVATE BILL

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

Mr. GEORGE W. McPHEE (Yorkton) moved that Bill No. 337 (from the Senate),

for the relief of Joseph Albert Georges Lachance, be read the first and second time.

Motion agreed to, and bill read the first and second time.

Mr. McPHEE moved the third reading of the bill.

Mr. DENIS (Joliette): I object to the motion for third reading at this stage.

Mr. PARENT: If this bill stands it has no chance to come back again.

Mr. GUTHRIE: But it stands.

Mr. SPEAKER: It must be by unanimous consent.

Motion stands.

On motion of Mr. Robb the House adjourned at 3.40 a.m., Thursday.

Thursday, April 14, 1927

The House met at eleven o'clock.

PRIVATE BILL

THIRD READING

Mr. GEORGE W. McPHEE (Yorkton): By leave of the House I move that Bill No. 337 for the relief of Joseph Albert Georges Lachance be read a third time.

Mr. SPEAKER: I understand this measure is not opposed. It came up from the Senate last night and was given first and second readings.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

APPOINTMENT OF JULES CASTONGUAY AS SUCCESSOR TO COLONEL O. M. BIGGAR.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I beg to move, seconded by the hon. leader of the opposition, the motion which I presented to the House on April 12, and which reads:

That, in conformity with the provisions of Bill No. 260, An Act to amend the Dominion Elections Act which was passed by both Houses of Parliament, Jules Castonguay be designated as the successor of Oliver Mowat Biggar as Chief Electoral Officer.

I may say that I have spoken with my hon. friend, the leader of the Progressive party concerning the motion and I am now in a position to state that it appears to meet with the cordial approval of all parties in the House.

Motion agreed to.