

ing gentlemen who are adverse to granting legislation which the constitution imposes on us, and on the other hand he will select gentlemen who are competent to perform the duty of Judges in the matter; and I would suggest that the hon. member (Mr. Kaulbach) when the time comes to organise the Committee, shall consult his honor the Speaker on the question, and in that way the injustice and partiality which might arise would be avoided.

HON. MR. KAULBACH.—I shall be very glad to adopt the suggestion my hon. friend who has just spoken.

The motion was agreed to.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL moved that the name of Mr. Carvell be added to the Committee on Railways, of which he had been a member of last Session.

HON. MR. SCOTT asked that Mr. McClellan be added to the Committee on Railways, Mr. Pelletier to the Committee on Public Accounts, and Mr. Haythorne to the Committee on Senate Debates, of which he had formerly been a member,

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL said he was very glad to accept the suggestion.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

AN ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION.

HON. MR. HOWLAN moved that when the House adjourned to-day it stand adjourned until Thursday, the 1st of March next, at 8 p.m.

After a brief discussion the motion was agreed to on a division.

THE CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS.

MOTION.

HON. MR. READ moved the adoption of the first report of the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

HON. MR. KAULBACH asked for

an explanation why the services of Frank Phillips, a page of the Senate, were dispensed with.

HON. MR. READ explained that the boy's parents had moved to the United States, where the family reside, and it was thought that there was no scarcity of boys in Canada to fill the position. There was no fault found with the boy, and notice had been sent to him that his services would be no longer required, but it had failed to reach him in time.

HON. MR. KAULBACH thought it would have been better to have found some employment for the boy during the Session, than to send him home again.

THE SPEAKER said the boy's parents lived in Illinois, and, thinking it very anomalous to send so far for a page, he had written to the boy's parents at least a fortnight before the meeting of Parliament, to say that the Committee would not be likely to employ a non-resident of the country, and advising him not to come down. Unfortunately that letter had only reached the boy's parents the morning he had started for Ottawa.

HON. MR. MILLER said that the Committee had approached this matter with as kindly feelings as it was possible for them to entertain. They had before them the claims, of three boys at least, which were much stronger than those of the son of the Rev. Mr. Phillips. It would have been desirable if the boy had been notified a little earlier, but that injustice or hardship (if he could use the term) was completely met by agreeing to pay his expenses in coming here and returning home, as well as his salary to the date of the adoption of the report.

HON. MR. SKEAD thought it a little hard that the boy should be put away before the close of the Session. Surely some occupation could be found for him: it would be better than send the poor lad back under a cloud.

After some further discussion the motion was agreed to.

The House adjourned at 4.15 p.m., until Thursday, the 1st March next.