

Hon. Mr. POWER—The Senate end of the building, as an architectural production, was a very superior one. It would be a pity to alter the exterior of the old Senate building. There is no necessity for doing it. The taking away of the housekeeper's rooms, adding another story, and the clearing out of the basement of the three towers will give all the accommodation that is likely to be needed by the Senate for the next half century, and I trust that the hon. members of the committee will bear that in mind.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—I think I have seen only one set of plans. I did not know there were two. I saw the set of plans that was brought over here and placed on the Table of our committee room; whose they were I do not know. The only point to which I was going to refer was this, that I hope whoever has charge of replacing the old building will bear in mind the fact, that in so far as its corridors and things of that kind are concerned, the building was one of the worst fire-traps that existed in the whole Dominion of Canada.

I hope the new plans will improve the interior of the building in that respect, and provide plenty of exits in case of fire, and a chance to reach the exits. As a matter of fact, the main entrance was practically the only exit from the old building apart from the two smaller ones in front. There were some doors, but nobody knew anything about them, and when the fire occurred people were cut off. Had a large number been present, the loss of life would have been very heavy indeed. That is one point I want to refer to. The ventilation should be properly attended to. The room and corridors, and especially the chambers of both Houses, should be properly ventilated, so that members will find the air fresh and pure. Everybody who has been attending the session in this building since the fire has expressed satisfaction with the better ventilation here than in the old building. So that the matter of ventilation is, to my mind, very important, and I hope will be taken into consideration.

The Senate adjourned until 8 o'clock to-night.

### Third Sitting.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Eight o'clock, p.m.

Routine proceedings.

Hon. Mr. WATSON.

### THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved that the recommendation of His Honour the Speaker laid upon the table of the House yesterday respecting the salary of Albert Carter, accountant of the Library of Parliament, be concurred in.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—We take for granted that the Library is controlled by the Joint Committee of both Houses.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes, it is.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—This is on the recommendation of the Joint Committee.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes. The same motion was made and the same recommendation placed on the Table in both Houses yesterday.

The SPEAKER—I do not know whether I gave a recommendation.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I assume that was the case.

The SPEAKER—I laid it on the Table.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I am glad to see the hon. gentleman in conflict with the Speaker. I am not alone in that regard.

The SPEAKER—I think I had better state the case as it stands. The recommendation of the Joint Committee of the Librarians was sent to me, I think the nomination was made by one of the Librarians, and sent over to me, and I asked him to recommend it. As far as I can recollect, I was answered that they had consulted the commission and it was only transferring from one class to another, it did not require my recommendation. Well, I do not want to give it, and I have no need to give it.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I presumed the hon. Speaker would give effect to the recommendation. I apprehend that it will have to be approved by both Houses. I noticed that the Prime Minister in the House moved a similar resolution to that which I have just moved. It will have to be approved by both Houses if effect is to be given to the recommendation, and I presume the recommendation has to be made by both Speakers. That is to say, His Honour the Speaker of the House of Commons would have no authority to recommend that this increase of salary be made and the Commons take action upon it and give effect to it without like action being taken in this House. I assume that the Joint Librarians acted upon it, and the Speaker of the Commons acted upon it,