

upon Hansard it be printed in the form of a document and that members should be given supplies for their constituents. I am sure that a free distribution of that information would be welcome.

Mr. ROWELL: The suggestion made by the hon. member will be considered by the Government.

Mr. REDMAN: Will there be any reason why the representatives who have been down here advocating the bonus scheme should not have an opportunity to appear before the committee, the same as others who may have representations to make?

Mr. ROWELL: When the committee is appointed it will have jurisdiction to determine its own procedure, and as to the parties who may appear before it and be heard. I think we can trust a committee of the House to deal fairly in the matter.

Mr. BURNHAM: May I ask who will pay the expenses of those who appear before the committee?

Mr. ROWELL: I understand that the usual procedure is that the committee pays the expenses of any persons who are called before it to give testimony.

Mr. NESBITT: That is if they are called by the committee.

Mr. SPEAKER: These are matters of detail regulated by rules of the House and should not be discussed on the Orders of the Day.

THE TREATY OF PEACE—SESSIONAL PAPERS.

Hon. Mr. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice) moved:

That the documents laid before the House on the 2nd instant relating to the Treaty of Peace and being Sessional Papers Nos. 41, 41a, 41b, 41c, 41d, 41e be printed forthwith for Sessional Papers, and 1,500 copies in English for distribution, and that Rule 74 be suspended in relation thereto.

Mr. SPEAKER: This motion can be entertained only by the unanimous consent of the House.

Motion agreed to.

PEACE TREATY.

OCCUPATION OF TERRITORIES OF THE RHINE.

House in Committee on the following proposed resolution of Sir Robert Borden, Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

That it is expedient that Parliament do approve of the agreement between the United [Mr. Hocken.]

States of America, Belgium, the British Empire and France, and Germany, with respect to the military occupation of the Territories of the Rhine, signed at Versailles on the twenty-eighth day of June, nineteen hundred and nineteen, a copy of which has been laid before Parliament, and which was signed on behalf of His Majesty, acting for Canada, by the plenipotentiaries therein named, and that this House do approve of the same.

Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice): Mr. Chairman, the agreement which the resolution proposes to approve might be described as an appendix to the Treaty that has already been approved by this House. It is an agreement between the Powers mentioned in regard to the method of administration of the German territories which are, under the main Treaty, to be occupied. The principal purpose, I think, of entering into the agreement, is to provide for the creation of a civil commission which will have the control in these territories side by side with, and subject, of course, from every military point of view to the control of the military authorities. This is a Treaty in which, I think I can safely say, Canada has no special interest, but we were called upon to join in the signature of it and we were called upon to join in the ratification because it is a Treaty signed by the British Empire and the system adopted is that the signature of the British Empire should consist of the signatures of all the component parts of the Empire.

Mr. McKENZIE: I notice there is a difference between the method of giving assent to the agreement made between the United States of America, Belgium, the British Empire and France, and Germany, and the way in which the parties give their assent to the Treaty that is mentioned in the second resolution that appears on the Order Paper to-day. As far as I can gather from the copy I have of the agreement dealt with in the first resolution, there is no mention made of Canada at all, and it would appear rather superfluous that we should be signing it. I find that the names of our plenipotentiaries do appear in the Treaty which has been made between the United States of America the British Empire, France, Italy and Japan, and Poland, but in so far as I can see they do not appear to be in this Treaty with Germany.

Mr. DOHERTY: It is only a difference in form. Unfortunately the signatures have not been printed as affixed to the Treaty and therefore they do not appear in the printed copy. If the signatures were there