

Public Printing and Stationery—printing, binding et cetera, the Annual Statutes, \$12,000.

Mr. MacLAREN: Last year the Secretary of State, on request, said that he would have published the London resolutions along with the British North America Act. This promise he carried out, and in doing so he has rendered an important service. This has been the first time that the London resolutions have been printed under official circumstances. Having made that acknowledgment, I wish to point out to the minister that his department, in publishing this document, has not given evidence of the comprehension or care that it deserves. The minister will not overlook the fact that last year he promised that copies of the British North America Act and the London resolutions would be distributed to each member of the house. On several occasions I have asked at the parliamentary library for a copy of this document which I hold in my hand, that is to say, the one containing the British North America Act and the London resolutions, but I have not succeeded in obtaining it there. I have no doubt the minister will carry out his promise of distributing it to the members, and that the parliamentary library will have it. The publication itself is defective and has not been carefully prepared. If the minister will see that the present document is scrapped and a proper publication substituted, copies can then be distributed to the members and placed in the library. Even the title of this document is incorrect—The British North America Act. There is more than one act. It should have read: "The British North America Acts", and so on.

Mr. CANNON: All the amendments are included in the one act.

Mr. MacLAREN: I have looked the matter up, and with much deference to the Solicitor General, I understand there is more than one act; there are both amendments and acts.

Mr. CANNON: There is only one act.

Mr. MacLAREN: I wish to draw attention to the date: "1867 to 1927". Under those circumstances it should not have gone beyond the year 1918. There are only one or two other little things I might point out. There is put in smaller type in brackets "The text of Quebec resolutions, 1864, and London resolutions, 1866." Why that should be in brackets is difficult to understand, and, moreover, I do not understand why it should be "the text" any more than the text of the British North America Act. The London resolutions are put in as an appendix. Unless that is done

on the principle that the tail wags the dog, I do not see the justification for it. The London resolution should receive a more prominent and definite position as being the basis of the British North America Act. Would the minister take this matter up carefully with his department? I am satisfied we could have a much more valuable addition to the library and the facilities for members by a better selection of the contents. I believe the minister is interested, and I am sure he would like to have the thing done properly.

Mr. RINFRET: I want to thank the hon. member for his commendation. I have given some care to the preparation of the document he has in his hand. I shall certainly bear his remarks in mind and look into the matter very carefully, and if this improvement can be effected I shall see to it that that is done and that copies are then distributed as my hon. friend has suggested.

Mr. MacLAREN: If the minister would let me have his draft before it is finally adopted, I should be very glad to have the opportunity of making a few comments.

Item agreed to.

Miscellaneous—Grant to the Montreal Association for the Blind, \$5,000.

Mr. BANCROFT: Is there any possibility of a conference with the provinces or something of that nature with a view to considering the matter of providing for pensions for the blind? I think the government has received a memorial from the government of Manitoba in that regard.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: May I say to my hon. friend that the matter to which he has just referred is one to which the government wishes to give careful consideration. I cannot say more at the present time, but certainly the object is of a character that appeals very strongly to the government and should equally appeal to the governments of the several provinces.

Item agreed to.

Roads and Bridges—Interprovincial bridge over Ottawa river at Hawkesbury, the Quebec government to contribute one-third of the cost of construction only, the Ontario government to contribute one-quarter of the cost of construction and pay annually one-quarter of all maintenance charges thereafter, \$40,000.

Sir GEORGE PERLEY: We all want to congratulate ourselves that our joint efforts have resulted in getting this arrangement to