

the Printing Bureau in order to carry out the mandate of this Chamber.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I do not think this is a proper way to proceed.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Well, I have my own doubts.

Hon. Mr. POWER—This resolution is to the effect that the adoption of this report which took place some days ago be reconsidered. But we can not very well reconsider without rescinding, and I think the better way would be to leave out the word, "be reconsidered," and just say that the said report be amended as suggested in the motion. I move that that resolution be so amended.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—In order to carry out the suggestion of the hon. gentleman from Halifax, perhaps His Honour the Speaker will put the motion in proper shape.

The SPEAKER—The Hon. Mr. Dandurand moves, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Power, that the following words:—and for such other work as may be necessary to carry out the object of the Committee.

be added after the words, "mailing and recording the circular" in the recommendation made by the special committee on Agricultural, Industrial and Trade Interests in their second report.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE—It seems to me it is just a question whether this is or is not travelling beyond the limits of our powers. If it involves the expenditure of money it would be, and from the reading of it, though I have not looked up the old report, that would appear to have been contemplated—"And such other work." Now, that other work may be of different kinds, but it is not natural to expect that much work will be carried on without an expenditure of money; and we are making a motion here which means the expenditure of money which we have not power to authorize. So it is a question to my mind whether it is properly in order.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I think it is, inasmuch as the money will probably come out of the contingencies of the Senate.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE—If it comes out of the contingencies of the Senate, but I understood this was a joint committee.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—No, it is a committee of the Senate with power to sit during the recess.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE—Was there not, in connection with that, a motion that it be a joint committee in connection with the House of Commons?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—It was suggested, but the House of Commons did not appoint its committee.

Mr. SPROULE—I see. If it is taken out of the contingencies account in that way, then I imagine it would be within our jurisdiction.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—What amount of money would the passing of this amendment entail?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Just a trifle. The motion was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Yesterday the hon. leader of the Government, in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Librarians, moved the appointment of Mr. Carter. Since then I have studied that report carefully, and I observe that the procedure in regard to Napoleon Aubrey is apparently a curious one. He seems to have been appointed by Order in Council. That takes it out of the hands of both the House and the Senate to deal with the matter. I have not had time to look up the question thoroughly, but it seems to me that that is rather infringing on the prerogatives of both to deal with the question. Could my hon. friend give us some explanation?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I understand that the Governor in Council has the power to appoint officials of this character when the House is not in session. At the time of his appointment Parliament was not sitting; in the second place—and I speak subject to correction—inquiry was made into the matter and I think the impression was left in the minds of the Privy Council that former appointments of this character had been made by Council.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—The report of the the Joint Librarians reads as follows:

Library of Parliament,
Ottawa, January 15, 1916.

Sir,—The librarians have the honour to forward you a copy of an Order in Council appointing one Napoleon Aubry to the place of caretaker of the Library of Parliament.

The man named is forty-six years old and has hitherto been a waiter at a club.