

sent in by the eleventh of May. It was hoped that they would have a short session, and every Senator desired that he should go home as soon as possible. And it was also hoped that the Government would forward business with all facility. He asked that the report now submitted be adopted, and that they might have tenders issued at once. He might say that the report was very long, and although it had not been read in French it was presented in both English and French. He wished the report especially to be adopted now so as to give those who intended to tender, the full advantage of the limited time at their disposal.

His motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. PENNY and with that hon. gentleman as his seconder he begged to move that the Report of the Joint Committee on Printing be now adopted.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE begged of the hon. gentleman who had just sat down, to explain to the House who were those who had tendered for printing.

Hon. Mr. MILLER could not see in what way the tenders could be returned to the persons who had sent them in, if their names were not known.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON did not know the names of the parties tendering, but he believed there were fictitious names attached, by which the tenders could be returned. The impression of the Committee was to throw the matter open to competition.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST said it was a very important thing that this report should be adopted, as now presented. He did not see that there had been any complaints made with regard to these tenders that were recommended to be returned. And it shewed there was little cause of complaint, or at least that no complaints had been made with regard to the tenders, or they would have heard of it through the press. There could be no doubt that those who tendered, and who had their tenders returned would be in the same position as those who now tendered anew.

Hon. Mr. CARROLL, as a member of the Printing Committee, had sought for all information. He was one of those who said he protested against the tenders being sent back, because he considered it as a breach of faith. He said they should do it as quickly as possible so as to give to

all intending tenders the benefit of the short time that was at their disposal.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE doubted whether the majority of the House would agree with the majority of the Committee.

The Hon. Mr. BUREAU in reference to this report spoke with regard to the official report of the Senate, and the best means of avoiding difficulties, which he thought might be obtained by the appointment of a permanent committee to superintend the publication of the debates.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST found certain inaccuracies in reports published; but he did think that his hon. friend could not do better than allow the matter to stand as it was. The whole of his answer to a question asked was not given. The words "that the Government intended to take some action" were not given. But it might be more wanting to his facility in using the English language than any want of the reporters construing what he intended for the public. The reports would be judged on their merits, and he had no doubt satisfactory arrangements would be obtained.

A question arose with regard to whether an official report should be under the supervision of the Printing Committee or the Committee on Contingent Accounts, and it was left there, some scarcely audible strictures being made with regard to reports appearing in newspapers before they were presented to the House, which might very properly be considered a publication that would be well construed into a breach of privilege.

A few expressions from several members, in which it was said that the Speaker would take care of the privileges of the House, ended the debate.

Hon. Mr. DEVER gave notice for Monday 20th April, that he will ask whether it is the intention of the Government during the present session of Parliament, to introduce any bill or measure for the regulation of a common rate of interest on all monetary and mercantile transactions within the Dominion of Canada?

It was then moved by Hon. Mr. SKEAD, seconded by the Hon. Mr. FOSTER, That when this House adjourns to-morrow, that it stands adjourned until Monday next at eight o'clock.

The Motion was accepted as a notice of motion for Wednesday.

Hon. Mr. MILLER said that they had been promised by the Government that it would be a short session, and if they ad-