

it as any other hon. gentleman might learn it, in conversation with members of the other House, but not from a Minister. They do not follow the same plan there as we do here. The report is laid on the Table of the House there, and it is called up if any one chooses to do so.

HON. MR. MILLER—The two reports referred to by the hon. gentleman from Halifax are not in the same position at all. The first report is a report that is still before the House of Commons, and is likely to be entertained and passed. If the statement of the hon. gentleman with regard to this report be correct, it would appear absurd for us to send it back to the committee for re-consideration, and it would defeat the very laudable and desirable object the leader of the House has in getting a comparative statement of the expenditure of the two Houses into that report. If it is adopted, it stands on the Journals of this House and the House of Commons, and this list of the salaries of the Senate, though it looks very large by itself in the report, will appear insignificant when placed in juxtaposition to a similar statement of the salaries of the House of Commons. That is the reason why I did not wish my hon. friend to make any inquiry with regard to the action of the House of Commons: it might make us appear inconsistent in asking to amend a report which was virtually dropped, because if it is dropped in the House of Commons it may be considered dropped as in both Houses.

The Senate adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, 1st May, 1889.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at eleven o'clock, a. m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT.

NINTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

HON. MR. READ (Quinté) presented the Ninth Report of the Joint Committee on Printing of Parliament, and moved that it be adopted.

HON. MR. ABBOTT.

HON. MR. MILLER—The Joint Committee on Printing has made no alteration in the report with reference to the report on the floods of the St. Lawrence River at Montreal.

HON. MR. DRUMMOND—I move that the report be not now concurred in, but that clause 36 of the report be referred back to the committee.

HON. MR. MILLER—That has been done already.

HON. MR. DRUMMOND—I understand that if this is adopted the chairman has power, under the general authority, to order the publication of that report.

HON. MR. POWER—No.

HON. MR. MILLER—The only way in which it can be done is to adopt this report, and then pass a resolution recommending that the report be printed by the Department. The difficulty could be got over by treating it, not as parliamentary printing, but as departmental printing, and referring it to the Department of Public Works.

HON. MR. DRUMMOND—The committee on printing met, on reference by the Senate of this subject, once more, and a member of the House of Commons told me that the subject had been discussed in the other House, and they had declined to order the printing.

HON. MR. MILLER—We cannot take any statement of that kind.

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE—It was contended in this House yesterday that if we adopted the report we could not refer it back, and there would be a sort of contradiction on the Journals if we pass a resolution recommending that the report should be printed by the Department of Public Works. I can see no contradiction in adopting a report which says that this paper, which is not considered parliamentary printing, shall not be printed by the order of the House of Commons and the Senate, and in our passing a resolution recommending that it shall be printed by the Department.

HON. MR. MILLER—The Printing Committee only deals with parliamentary