

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Mr. Bellerose, from the Standing Committee on Reporting Debates, presented their First Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows:—

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 2,

THURSDAY, 1st October, 1896.

The Standing Committee on Debates and Reporting have the honour to make their First Report, as follows:—

That in the contract entered into with the Messrs. Holland in the Third Session of the Fifth Parliament, 1885, for the reporting of the Senate Debates, it is provided that—

“In the event of a second or extra Session being held in any one year, this agreement shall not apply, but a special agreement may be considered applicable to such extra Session.”

Your Committee recommend that the Messrs. Holland be paid, as at present, \$300.00 per week for the present Session, whether the same be adjourned or prorogued, and that any further arrangement be deferred until the next meeting of Parliament.

Your Committee also recommend that the Debates of the Senate be translated into the French language, and the number of copies to be printed be in proportion to that of the House of Commons, and that the Chairman be authorized to make arrangements for the carrying out of this resolution, provided that it does not cost more than one dollar and fifty cents per page for such translation.

Your Committee recommend that Mr. William Smith, who was added for the time being to the reporting staff of the Senate, be again employed for the next Session of Parliament in the same capacity and at the same rate of pay, viz.: thirty dollars a week for all services, with the understanding, however, that his services may be dispensed with at any time during the Session upon one week's notice given to him.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. H. BELLEROSE,

Chairman.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Bellerose, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Armand, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the Senate to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Dickey, from the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, to whom was referred the Bill (31) intituled: “An Act respecting the St. Catharines and Niagara Central Railway Company,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McKindsey, seconded by the Honourable Mr. McCallum, it was

Ordered, That the Seventieth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the said Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. McKindsey, seconded by the Honourable Mr. McCallum, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do go down to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that the Senate have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honourable Mr. Dickey, from the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, to whom was referred the Bill (28) intituled: “An Act to revive and