

in most instances the Senate would be quite agreeable to what is recommended by the committee.

Hon. Mr. QUINN: We have taken our cue from the supplementary estimates.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: Then there will be further supplementary estimates.

The motion was agreed to.

#### PRESS REPORTERS OF THE SENATE

Hon. G. V. WHITE presented, and moved concurrence in, the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: I would suggest that this report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Some Hon. SENATORS: No.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: That would be equal to the six months' hoist.

Hon. Mr. WHITE: I think my honourable friend from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock) is unreasonable. I submit this report ought to be dealt with immediately.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: I insist that it stand over until the next sitting.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Honourable senators, objection has been made by the honourable gentleman from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock) to the report being taken into consideration to-day. Under the Rules, unanimous consent of the House is necessary to permit consideration of a report sooner than one day after it is presented. Therefore this report cannot be taken up to-day.

Hon. Mr. WHITE: I appeal to my honourable friend from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock) not to insist that the Rules be followed in this case. He realizes that Parliament will likely prorogue to-day. I think that in fairness to the committee the report should be dealt with now.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: I do not want to appear obstinate. I agree with the sentiment expressed a few moments ago by the right honourable leader on the other side (Right Hon. Mr. Meighen) about increases. Now, if honourable members want to enter into a discussion of what is involved in this particular report, I will withdraw my objection, go upstairs, get some papers and come back and go into the matter thoroughly. Personally I regard some of the things that have been done in connection with this item as—if you will pardon the expression—a pure and simple hold-up. Do not forget that before

our dear old departed friend Tom Blacklock went to his reward he was paid a certain weekly allowance while the Senate was not in session. That was unanimously agreed to, I think.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It seems to me the honourable member is out of order.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Excuse me.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I rise to a point of order. Has the last Order been passed?

Hon. Mr. COPP: No; it is held up.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Other people can hold up things too.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Order!

Hon. Mr. HAIG: I rise to a point of privilege. In committee I voted with the honourable member from Parkdale (Hon. Mr. Murdock) against this report, but, as it was adopted after full discussion, I certainly object to its being held up now. I do not intend to be on a committee and let that happen without protest. So far as I am concerned, there will be no more suspension of rules for the rest of the afternoon. We can sit to-morrow, if necessary.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: I understand that before the honourable senator from Parkdale was called to order, an appeal had been made to him to withdraw his objection, and he was speaking to that question. I think he should be given time to explain his position.

Hon. Mr. DENNIS: Honourable senators, reference has been made to the late Thomas Blacklock. He was a very dear personal friend of mine and of many other members of this House. Many honourable gentlemen will recall that before his appointment as our press reporter the work of the Senate received very little publicity from the newspapers of this country. It was only when the matter was brought to the attention of the Canadian Press, and we had its representative in this House, that the Senate received full publicity across the continent. I maintain that the remuneration suggested for the representatives in the Senate Press Gallery is a very modest amount.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. DENNIS: If we want publicity for our work, then I think this item should be passed.

Hon. Mr. BLACK: Hear, hear.