

APPOINTMENT OF TRANSLATORS—*Con.*

The procedure in this case is not in defiance of the Civil Service Act, but under the Civil Service Act, and in accordance with its terms, the proper officers of this House and his honour the Speaker having concurred in the recommendation, 5273.

Coderre, Hon. Louis (Secretary of State)—5274.

I gave to your honour the reason why I think that Mr. Lasalle should have been made chief of the translators. Mr. Trudel is a member of the staff, while Mr. Lasalle is one of the oldest members. I cannot see why Mr. Trudel should be appointed chief, 5274.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Quebec East)—5271.

Report quoted, 5271. We have the report of the proper officer of the House that the work attached to these positions is of an exceptional character, and under the circumstances it does not seem to me that there is any legitimate ground for objection, 5272.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—5271.

Claims that appointments ought to be on merit and made by Debates Committee, 5271. Thinks Mr. Lasalle should have been appointed chief, 5273.

Speaker, His Honour the—5271.

As I understand it, these appointments must be made according to the Civil Service Act in the usual way, as we are doing now, 5271. To the assertion that somehow outside influence is being exercised I give an emphatic denial; the matter has been arranged solely between the Civil Service Commission and myself, 5272.

ASH WEDNESDAY ADJOURNMENT.

Motion:

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Thursday next, the 26th inst., at three o'clock p.m.—Mr. Borden, 1061.

ASIATIC IMMIGRATION.

Motion:

For a copy of all correspondence, letters, telegrams and other documents relative to the immigration of Asiatics, including Hindus, Japanese and Chinese which have a bearing either directly or indirectly upon the Order in Council passed by the Government during December, 1913, restricting immigration into the province of British Columbia.—Mr. Oliver, 1220.

Barnard, G. H. (Victoria)—1250.

Member for Rouville's impression left me is that Chinese, Japanese and Hindu immigrants should be allowed to come in. People of British Columbia will not stand for Hindu immigration, 1251.

ASIATIC IMMIGRATION—*Con.*

Burnham, J. H. (Peterborough, West)—1251.

This new British Empire is something that historians agree is like nothing that has ever existed before. To keep out the people and yet allow their goods to come in, is simply half the problem, 1252. Free interchange with a civilization which is lower and where the rate of wages is lower, tends to depress and ruin our civilization, 1253.

Doherty, Hon. C. J. (Minister of Justice)—1258.

Think facts have been dealt with exhaustively by my distinguished colleague. Gives difference between Blagwan Singh and Thaw cases, 1258. No writ of habeas corpus Act was issued, 1259. Magna Charta had absolutely nothing to do in this case. Refers to section 23 and goes to the root of things to the jurisdiction, 1260. It is the express declaration of this Parliament that no court and no judge shall have jurisdiction to interfere with order of minister, 1261. This law deals with the people who are knocking at the door, 1262. Question that arose was what the law means and whether it was properly executed. There are difficulties in the way so long as proceedings are initiated by writs of habeas corpus, 1263.

Knowles, W. E. (Moosejaw)—1244.

Have no objection to Japanese. Think that, British subjects though they may be, the less of the Hindus we have in Canada the better, 1245. Late Government did not leave any troublesome problem for their successors to deal with, 1246. Hon. gentlemen opposite have been for over two years in power, and have done nothing to remedy condition as it existed when they came into office. Remarks of Mr. Herron on, 1247-48. Quotes from speeches of different members, 1248-49. Yet in future Japan will continue to exercise the same control over her immigrants into Canada as previous five years, 1249. Instead of Japanese people being treated more strictly by present Government, their sphere of operation has virtually been enlarged, 1250.

Lemieux, Hon. R. (Rouville)—1225.

Question has far reaching effects, not only in Canada, but in the British Empire, 1225. This matter affects our future, and especially the future of British Columbia. Our great problem is to Canadianize our immigrants, 1226. Am pleased to note that the treaty of Trade and Commerce with Japan is beginning to show some satisfactory results. Problem with Hindu immigration is different, 1227. Problem of Hindu immigration has now reached an acute stage. Quotes some extracts from Mr. Baer's paper, 1228. Correspondence on, 1229. Opinion has been that writ of habeas corpus is an inherent right of every British subject. Situation is one that calls for immediate action on part of Government,