The Chairman pronounced the motion lost.

The Committee adopted the Bill without amendment and rose. Third reading of Bill ordered for tomorrow.

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SUPERANNUATION

The adjourned debate on **Mr. JOLY**'s motion,—

That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole forthwith, to consider a resolution respecting the Superannuation Fund.

On the motion that the Speaker should leave the chair,

Hon. Mr. MORRIS said the Minister of Finance (Hon. Sir Francis Hincks) had already called the attention of the House to the fact that the motion was not in order, inasmuch as it proposed to deal with a part of the Consolidated Revenue.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE stated that the Minister of Finance had distinctly stated that he would not raise the point of order.

Hon. Mr. MORRIS said the Minister of Finance had said he hoped the motion would not be pressed so that he need not raise the point of order.

A discussion arose on the point of that resolution being in order or not, at the close of which the Speaker requested time to consider the point.

Hon. Mr. DORION thought the question was very important, and that it required the attention and action of the House, and the Government might obtain the views of the House by allowing the discussion to proceed.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER said the Minister of Finance had fully explained the matter previously and had stated that he would not raise the point of order until the matter had been discussed.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS asked if the member pressed the matter.

Mr. JOLY said he had paid special attention to the matter, and did not want to press the matter merely for the sake of getting his motion passed. If Government would promise to make such deduction as would be justified, he would be satisfied.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE believed that something like this scheme was necessary, but did not think it could be yet decided what reduction could be made, but the Government ought to allow full discussion. If the Government would not give the promise asked, they should not stay discussion.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS had already stated clearly the views of the Government. The member for Lotbinière (Mr. Joly) had no doubt every desire to do justice, but the point was this: Was the Government to establish a fund for the widows and orphans of the members of the Civil Service? He must say distinctly, no!

He admitted that the Fund at the present moment was larger than was being paid out, but it was too soon to decide whether a reduction could be made. As an individual, he would rather have had a Superannuation Fund, without charge on officer's salary, but the Government did not think the House would pass such a scheme. He had taken a rate which he considered sufficient and if it proved too much, the Government would be quite prepared to reduce it, but they could not act as an Insurance Company. He had hoped the motion would be withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. DORION said there was this injustice that the present officers might be paying more than was necessary. He would suggest that four per cent should be retained and the balance returned every year.

Hon. Sir GEORGE-É. CARTIER said the suggestion was good, but the working of the Civil Service Act would scarcely admit of its being fully carried out. If it was shown that the percentage was too great, let it be reduced.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE said it was necessary there should be this fund, but it would be an unnecessary extension to form a fund for widows and orphans, and that the matter was met by the present arrangement. It was expedient to allow time to decide what should be the rate. The member for Lotbinière had proved, however, that there was a large accumulation of unexpended money, and he thought the suggestion of the member for Hochelaga (Hon. Mr. Dorion) was worthy of immediate consideration and the Government should give some reason why the accumulation should not be redistributed while it was possible to return it to those who had subscribed it. He believed it necessary that the Government should err on the right side, but referring to the pension mentioned by the member for Northumberland (Hon. Mr. Hutchison), maintained that it had been wrongly granted. It appeared that the appointment had been made when the person was over 70 years of age, which was itself a condemnation.

Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS was sorry this question should have again been brought forward especially in connection with the present matter. If there had been a ''fraud committed'', it should have been dealt with on its own merits. The individual had been appointed after many years' service to the Crown, and as to his being paid by commission, many persons were paid in New Brunswick by commission. At Confederation the salary system was adopted and the person in question was put on salary. Subsequently, the department with which he was connected recommended, on medical certificate, that he should be superannuated. The Treasury Board dealt with the matter and, in fact, any hardship in the case was sustained by the person in question.