

## THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Saturday, 3rd October, 1896.*

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

## THE PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT.

## SECOND AND THIRD REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

Hon. Sir JOHN CARLING presented the second report of the Committee of both Houses on the printing of Parliament, and moved the suspension of the rules in so far as the same relate to the report, and that the report be now concurred in.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I have some hesitation in assenting to that recommendation. The suggestion is that the chairman be authorized to order the printing of any documents which commend themselves to his judgment. Our printing costs an enormous sum, and as parliament is to meet in such a short time, I doubt the wisdom of putting it in the power of the chairman to incur such an expenditure. The chairman of the committee is in the other House, I think.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY—No, the chairman is chosen alternately from the House of Commons and the Senate. The chairman this year is the Hon. Sir John Carling.

Hon. Mr. POWER—But it is putting it in the power of one hon. gentleman to incur a great expense.

Hon. Mr. MCKINDSEY—A report similar to this has been passed almost every year for several years.

Hon. Mr. WARK—The chairman, of course, does not order the printing of any paper which the committee decides should not be printed. The chairman will order the printing of any documents which the committee would have printed were the committee in session.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I withdraw my objection.

The motion was agreed to, and the report was concurred in under a suspension of the rules.

Hon. Sir JOHN CARLING presented the third report of the Committee of both Houses on the printing of Parliament.

Hon. Mr. SULLIVAN—I should object to that report, because there were other applicants for this position. Now those who were not there had no opportunity of finding out on what principle this gentleman was appointed. It involves a salary of a certain amount. I do not know whether Mr. Rogers was a nominee of the government or not. A young gentleman canvassed me, and asked me about it, whose name is not mentioned there. I do not know now why Mr. Roger has been appointed, and in consideration of the report recommending an appointment of that kind, it might be laid over for another occasion.

Hon. Sir JOHN CARLING—Mr. Rogers was recommended by Dr. Dawson, the head of the Printing Bureau. Mr. Rogers had a great deal of experience in connection with the Bureau, and had been engaged in that department twenty years. Dr. Dawson strongly recommended that Mr. Roger should be appointed in the place of Mr. Boulet, who died a short time ago. The salary that Mr. Boulet was receiving was \$1,400 per annum, and Mr. Rogers had been receiving, I think, \$875.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Then it was practically a promotion.

Hon. Sir JOHN CARLING—Yes; he did not receive the same amount as his predecessor, but his salary was increased to \$1,000, effecting a saving of \$400 a year.

Hon. Mr. MERNER—There is another appointment.

Hon. Sir JOHN CARLING—The gentlemen in charge of the Distribution Office had strongly urged the committee for assistance. The committee appointed a sub-committee to inquire into the work which had been done by Mr. Botterell, and, after careful examination, recommended that an assistant be given, and that Mr. Alexander be appointed at a salary of \$500 a year.

Hon. Mr. CLEMOV—Has this report been accepted by the Commons?

Hon. Sir JOHN CARLING—Yes, the report has been adopted in the House this afternoon.