

by Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. W. J. Roche.

Pierre Joseph Arthur Cardin, Esq., for the electoral district of Richelieu, introduced by Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Joint report of the Librarians of Parliament.—Mr. Rogers.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, House adjourned at 3.58 p.m. until Monday.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, November 25, 1912.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

OFFICIAL REPORTERS OF THE DEBATES.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I have directed the Clerk of the House to lay upon the table my recommendation in regard to the promotion of Mr. Charles Steedman Blue and the appointment of Messrs. Earl C. Young and Frederick W. S. Galbraith to the positions of official reporters of the debates of the House, together with the Clerk's report in regard to the same.

COMMISSIONERS OF INTERNAL ECONOMY.

Rt. Hon. R. L. BORDEN presented a message from His Royal Highness the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:

His Royal Highness transmits to the House of Commons approved Minute of Council appointing the Hon. George Halsey Perley; the Hon. Louis Philippe Pelletier, P.M.G.; the Hon. William James Roche, Minister of the Interior; the Hon. John Dowsley Reid, Minister of Customs, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the 11th chapter of Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, intituled: 'An Act respecting the House of Commons.'

REPORTS AND PAPERS.

Report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs for the year ended March 31, 1912.—Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden.

Report of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada for the same year.—Hon. Mr. Cochrane.

Reports, Returns and Statistics of the Department of Inland Revenue for the same year.—Hon. Mr. Nantel.

POLLUTION OF STREAMS.

Mr. GEORGE H. BRADBURY (Selkirk) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, respecting the Pollution of Navigable Streams.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Explain.

Mr. BRADBURY: The Bill is similar to that which I introduced a year ago, but which, owing to pressure of business in the House, did not make very much progress. The intention of the Bill is to prohibit the depositing of sewage in navigable streams or streams tributary thereto, and it proposes to inflict a severe penalty for any violation of its provisions by any corporation or municipality or private individual. Every hon. gentleman in the House must realize the great necessity there is for this Bill, and on the second reading I will explain its provisions more fully.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

THE USE OF FLAGS.

Mr. GEORGE H. BRADBURY (Selkirk) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 3, respecting the use of flags.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Explain.

Mr. BRADBURY: I introduced a Bill similar to this a year ago, but it was not proceeded with owing to pressure of business in the House. The Bill makes it an indictable offence for any person or persons to deface any flag of the British Empire in this country. Every hon. gentleman has no doubt seen a beautiful Union Jack or red ensign with the name of some hotel printed across its face, or perhaps he may have seen it outside an auction room announcing the sale of some commodity. This Bill prohibits the use of the British flag for such a purpose. It also provides a severe penalty for any indignities that may be offered to the flag. Every member of the House can recall some serious case of indignity offered to the British flag and this Bill provides for the punishment of those guilty of such an offence. On the second reading I hope to convince the House that this Bill is necessary.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Mr. J. H. RAINVILLE (Chambly-Verchères: (Translation.) Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston (Mr. Nickle),