

brought to my attention by my hon. friend I shall see that the papers are secured. If he will place a notice of motion upon the order paper, I think I can assure him now that the papers will be ready for production and be laid on the table of the House the moment the order is reached.

ADJOURNMENT—SESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. W. A. BOYS (North Simcoe): In the absence of the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Ladner), I desire to renew the inquiry he made on the 1st day of February, and to which the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lapointe) replied. He asked the government as to its intention regarding the suspension of salaries of the members of the staff of the House during the recess which has now been decided upon, and the reply was made at that time that the Internal Economy Commission of the House had the matter in hand. They have now had a good many days to consider the matter, and I would like to know whether or not a decision has been reached.

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Leader of the House): I am glad to see that my hon. friend the chief whip of the opposition (Mr. Boys) is willing to accede to the wish of the House and see to it that there is a recess. In reply to his question, this matter has been considered by the Internal Economy Commission, and I understand that they have reached the decision that the same conditions and terms shall apply as in former adjournments of the House, that is, that those who do not work will receive half pay.

Mr. SPEAKER: As chairman of the Internal Economy Commission I may be allowed to supplement what has already been said: If there should be a recess a certain number of the employees will remain for the convenience of members who may be staying in the city. As to the remainder, the larger number, we decided to follow the precedent set in 1917 and to cut their salaries in two.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Could the government, in that connection, have an estimate made and advise us, say by the first of the week, what the saving would be per week by the cutting in two of the salaries of the balance of the officers of the House?

Mr. LAPOINTE: We will ask the commission to do that.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. W. W. KENNEDY (Winnipeg South Centre): I should like to ask a question of the minister representing the Department of Railways and Canals. I have a communication to the effect that the Dominion government are bringing in 150,000 cedar ties from the state of Minnesota for use on the Hudson Bay railway. I wish to inquire whether that is correct?

Mr. LAPOINTE: I do not think it is correct because I do not believe the work has yet started on the Hudson Bay railway.

Mr. HANSON: Prince Albert election.

CHICAGO DRAINAGE CANAL

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. A. E. ROSS (Kingston): May I ask the government a question in regard to the following: On February 10, a deputation representing Canada, and other parties, made a protest to the President at Washington against the diversion of water from the Great Lakes. Was this government represented on that deputation, and if so by whom?

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (Minister of the Interior): No, the government was not represented on that deputation. I understand the deputation went from the convention of the Great Lakes shippers and bodies representative of the shipping interests, not of government interests.

CAYUGA INDIANS—UNITED STATES AWARD

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. CHARLES STEWART (Minister of the Interior): May I give a reply to the question asked by the hon. member for Haldimand (Mr. Senn) with reference to the claim of the Cayuga Indians?

The claim before the British and American arbitration tribunal on behalf of the Cayuga Indians resident in Canada was for arrears of annuity under treaties made with the state of New York in 1795. The full text of the award with reasons for judgment has not been received, but the decision was in favour of the Indians, and they were awarded \$100,000 representing "just share in payments of annuity from eighteen hundred and forty-nine" and "capital sum which at five per cent interest would yield half of amount of annuity for future." As the total annuity was \$2,300, half the amount of the annuity is \$1,150, which will require a capitalization of \$23,000.