

up 40 pages—from 882 to 924. However, I am not very particular. I am not consulted often in these matters, but it seems to me a great convenience to have a good index.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—The volume last year is 927 pages, and the index is 120 pages; I suppose such an index is rather a book; and it is on that account the Committee made this recommendation.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate then adjourned.

Second Sitting.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Eight o'clock, p.m.

Routine proceedings.

THE BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON moved that when the House adjourns this evening it stand adjourned until 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. POWER objected. He thought there was no necessity for a morning session, as there was no business coming up from the lower House which would involve any prolonged discussion, and the House might as well adjourn until the regular hour, three p. m.

Hon. Mr. MASSON hoped the hon. gentleman would not persist in his objection. The Senate should have an opportunity to examine and discuss any legislation coming before them, and this they could not do if so little time were left them.

Hon. Mr. POWER said that more important business than any they would be likely to have to deal with to-morrow had been put thorough the Senate in a few minutes, and if any serious objection were entertained to any measure coming from the other House, the government could not force it through by meeting at 11 a.m.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL hoped the hon. member from Halifax would withdraw his objection, as some of the measures

expected from the other House would involve considerable discussion. One of them related to the harbour of Montreal, and was for the purpose of reducing the rate of interest on the loan and increasing the amount loaned to the Harbour Commission. On that subject, no doubt, there would be some discussion. There was also the bill for arming the Militia.

Hon. Mr. McINNES (B.C.) was satisfied that neither of these bills would meet with any opposition, and that the business of the House could be as well transacted by meeting at three p.m. as by meeting in the forenoon, while it would be of great convenience to many members to have the forenoon to themselves for other purposes.

Hon. Mr. POWER consented to withdraw his opposition, if the hour were changed to twelve o'clock.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL moved that when the House adjourns to-day it stand adjourned until noon to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate then adjourned.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, 23rd April, 1896.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at Twelve o'clock, noon.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE SENATE DEBATES.

SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE presented the second report of the committee on reporting the Senate Debates. He said,—I suppose there is no objection to moving that this report be concurred in at once. It is short, merely recommending the continuance of the engagement with Mr. Smith to prepare a short report of the debates for the newspapers. I believe the number of newspapers supplied with these reports is twenty-eight.