

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (No. 31), An Act to incorporate the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Corporation of Seventh Day Adventists.—Hon. Mr. Beique.

The Senate adjourned until three o'clock to-morrow.

THE SENATE.

Thursday, March 30, 1916.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THIRD READINGS.

Bill (E-2), An Act respecting Colonial Bank of Canada.—Hon. Mr. Casgrain.

Bill (F-2), An Act respecting British Trust Company.—Hon. Mr. Casgrain.

THE SPEAKER'S UTTERANCES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE PRESENTED.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL, from the committee appointed to interview the Speaker with reference to certain utterances reported to have been made by him at a meeting in the city of Ottawa last June, presented their report as follows:

The committee appointed by the Senate on the twenty-third of March instant, consisting of the Hon. Messrs. Bowell, Bolduc, Power and Dandurand, to wait upon His Honour the Speaker, for the purpose of ascertaining to what extent the report of a speech made by him on the twenty-seventh day of June, in the city of Ottawa, in which he is represented as casting reflections upon the members of the Senate by styling them "fanatics" was correct.

The members of the said committee, with the exception of Hon. Mr. Dandurand, who was absent from the city at the time, waited upon the Speaker and submitted to him the following question:

"Does the paragraph of the report of His Honour's speech headed 'Strike in the Senate,' which will be found on page 185 of the Senate Hansard for the current session, contain a substantially correct statement of language used by His Honour? If not, in what particular is it incorrect?"

To which His Honour replied as follows:

"I have nothing to add to my first declaration which has been given precisely to deny the language which the reporter has placed in my mouth regarding the accusation of fanaticism which I never formulated against any majority of this House, and I regret that I have been so misrepresented."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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I would suggest that the report be considered when the Order of the Day appearing in the name of the hon. senator from Compton is reached. It will then be for the hon. gentleman from Compton, to say whether that answer is satisfactory and whether he will then drop his motion. I am inclined to think that that will be the end of it.

MAINTENANCE OF FERRY BETWEEN RIVIERE OUELLE WHARF AND ST. IRENEE AND MURRAY BAY.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE inquired:

1. What was the cost, from the 1st July, 1913, to the 1st March, instant, of the maintenance of a ferry between the Rivière Ouelle wharf and St. Irénée and Murray Bay?

2. Have there been many complaints respecting the efficiency of this service?

3. For how many days, each winter, has the service been completely interrupted since the 1st December, 1913?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The answers to the hon. gentleman's questions are:

1. \$143,836.08.

2. Several complaints have been received this winter.

3. December 24, 1913, the Champlain did not cross owing to N.E. gale and snow storm. She was withdrawn from the service December 27, and came up to Quebec where she remained until March 19. She resumed her regular service March 20, 1914. Her withdrawal was due to the filling in of the "L" on west side of wharf, to enlarge same, this being the sheltered side and her berth, and the work not being completed, she could not remain there. In 1914, she missed two regular trips in December. In 1915, she missed eight regular trips in January, 12 regular trips in February and 8 regular trips in March, 1916, she missed 12 regular trips in January, 18 regular trips in February and 17 regular trips up to March 22, inclusive.

Hon. Mr. POWER—A regular misser was she not?

ESCAPE OF ALIEN PRISONERS FROM DETENTION CAMP, AMHERST.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. GIRROIR rose to

Call the attention of the Senate to an Order issued on the 2nd day of March, instant, calling for the production of papers in connection with the escape of alien enemy prisoners from the detention camp at Amherst, Nova Scotia, and for the production of papers and documents