

Mr. CAHILL: Would the minister tell me now about the insurance company?

Mr. J. D. REID: That is a matter I would rather discuss with my hon. friend than disclose the information here. It is not, I may say, a question of merely giving information to some particular firm. After discussing the matter with the officials of the company I came to the conclusion that if the hon. member understood the situation he would recognize it would be hardly fair to put the information on Hansard. If there is any particular matter that he wants information about I would be glad to give it to him but I think that in the public interest and in the interest of the railway itself he will scarcely press to have all the details placed on Hansard.

Mr. CAHILL: Will the minister say that he will give me what information he has pertaining to the railway?

Mr. J. D. REID: I will say this to the hon. member; I will give him any information I have in my office that I feel I would be justified in giving. My hon. friend will observe from the information I have given to-night that I am willing to go as far as I possibly can to meet his wishes. He need not hesitate at all to ask me for any additional information that he wants. If I cannot give it to him I think he will be satisfied that I have good reason for not doing so.

Mr. CAHILL: I think the minister is usually inclined to give more information when we are considering his Estimates than he is at almost any other period. Although we are sitting at an unreasonable hour, members are only doing their duty in asking the minister questions of this kind in order to inform themselves as to the conditions on the Government railway system.

Mr. J. D. REID: I am not objecting, that is right.

Mr. CAHILL: If the minister will furnish me with the information I think I should have, I have no wish to delay the committee.

Mr. J. D. REID: Very well, I will give it as far as I can.

Mr. CAHILL: When we are passing so many millions of Railway Estimates and there is this keen interest in the country on the railway question the people will surely expect us to obtain some of the details as to where the money is going.

Mr. J. D. REID: Perfectly right.

Mr. CAHILL: I think we should have some information about the insurance, and there are a few other matters I would like to ask the minister about. If he will agree to give me the information I will furnish him with a list of questions I want answered, and he may supply the data the next time his Estimates are under consideration.

Mr. J. D. REID: I shall be glad to give the hon. member any information that I can, that is as regards the fiscal year which has closed. I think that is what the hon. member wishes—not anything in reference to any contract that is in effect at the present time.

Resolutions reported.

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1920-21.

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting further Supplementary Estimates for the year ending March 31, 1921, was presented by Right Hon. C. J. Doherty, read by Mr. Speaker to the House, and referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of right hon. Mr. Doherty the House returned to the order: "First Reading of Senate Bills."

PRIVATE BILLS.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

Bill No. 207 (from the Senate) for the relief of Charles Henry Foster.

Bill No. 208 (from the Senate) for the relief of Frank Cox.

Bill No. 209 (from the Senate) for the relief of Joseph Dubé.

Bill No. 210 (from the Senate) for the relief of John Donnelly.

On Motion of right hon. Mr. Doherty the House adjourned at 2.25 a.m. (Saturday).

Saturday, June 26, 1920.

The House met at Two o'clock.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Mr. JOHN A. CURRIE (Simcoe North) presented the second report of the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament on Printing.

Mr. LEMIEUX: With reference to the editorial committee it seems to me—

Mr. SPEAKER: There can be no discussion on the presentation of a report; a dis-