

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting was resumed.

SOLDIERS' PENSION, INSURANCE, AND CIVIL RE-ESTABLISHMENT BILLS

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: Honourable gentlemen, I have the honour to present the report of the Special Committee to whom Bills 203, 204 and 205 were referred. I would suggest that the report, which is somewhat lengthy, be printed during the night, so that we may have it to-morrow, and be able to take it into consideration to-morrow with the Bills. I would move that it be taken into consideration at the first sitting of the House to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: It is not probable that this report will be printed and distributed before 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: Yes, it will be printed during the night, and if it is not ready to-morrow morning we will wait till the second sitting.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL: Will the evidence be printed with the report, or not?

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: Oh, no, just the report.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I would suggest that the Printing Bureau be ordered to suspend our Hansard for to-morrow, and give preference to this work, if necessary.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

THE SENATE .

Friday, June 29, 1923.

FIRST SITTING

The Senate met at 11 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

INTERNAL ECONOMY

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I may state that the Senate has sat with closed doors to consider the internal economy of the Senate.

FEEDING STUFFS BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 238, an Act to amend the Feeding Stuffs Act.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND.

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I would move the second reading of the Bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. McCOIG: I would say that the amendments made to this Act are such as were recommended by the feeders and stock raisers from all parts of the country. The Bill is intended to prevent frauds in supplying feeds that are adulterated instead of being pure.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

POST OFFICE BILL

FIRST READING

Bill 246, an Act to amend the Post Office Act.—Hon. Mr. Dandurand.

SECOND READING POSTPONED

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: This Bill reduces the postage rates on certain newspapers and periodicals from one and a half cents a pound to one and a quarter cents. I believe that this is an amelioration of the heavy taxation which reaches publishers through the sales tax. Representations have been constantly made to the Post Office Department for a reduction of both the tax and the postal rate. The Government has refused to reduce the Sales Tax on newsprint, but it is making this reduction in the postal rate.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I have not the good fortune to have the Bill before me, but I understand the purport of it from what my honourable friend has said. He is doubtless aware that for some years the policy of the Post Office Department has been to increase rather than decrease the rates for the carriage of newspapers. I recall that recommendation after recommendation has been made for some years past in that direction, and that it has been conclusively established that we are carrying newspapers and periodicals, or published matter of that character, at a very substantial loss, thus causing a heavy deficit in the Department. Now, if for the purpose of imposing a tax in one direction we are to put our hands in the public pocket and pay for it in another direction, we had better not impose the tax. If the law could be administered strictly as to legitimate newspapers there would not be very much