

Thursday. 18th May, 1916.

The Members convened were:—

The Honourable PHILIPPE LANDRY, Speaker.

The Honourable Messieurs

Beith,	Derbyshire,	McLean,	Ross
Bolduc,	Dessaulles,	McLennan,	(Middleton),
Bostock,	Edwards,	Milne,	Smith,
Choquette,	Fiset,	Murphy,	Sproule,
Cloran,	Forget,	Owens,	Taylor,
Corby,	Gordon,	Poirier,	Tessier,
Dandurand,	Legris,	Pope,	Thibaudeau,
Daniel,	Lougheed,	Power,	Thorne,
David,	Mason	Roche,	Watson.
Dennis,	(Brig.-General),		

PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker laid on the Table a Petition from the Assistant Curator of the Reading Room, as follows:—

OTTAWA, May 15, 1916.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully showeth:—

That for three years before the superannuation of Mr. Ralph, I had most of the work to do in the reading room, and on that account his position was promised to me. But instead of that, a curator was appointed over me, thus depriving me of any improvement in my position, and moreover I have had to perform the curator's work eleven out of thirteen months, as I may say he was curator only by name. Taking this into consideration and the salary of Mr. Deacon, holding the same position in the House of Commons with the maximum of \$2,100, and that of Mr. Nicholson, of \$2,800, compared with my own salary with a maximum of \$1,200; considering also that I have been in the service of the Senate for over thirty years, first as page, and then as sessional and permanent messenger; I was employed in the reading room for five years before being classified and then by some mistake was dated two years back, which deprived me of seven years of increase of salary; I may add that during that time I trained three messengers to do the work, the first being promoted as doorkeeper, the second having withdrawn on account of ill health and the third being with me still.

On account of my having reached my maximum this year, I will receive no statutory increase, and this together with the fact of being the father of seven children, and on account of the increased cost of living, makes it impossible for me to make both ends meet.

For the above reasons I would most respectfully ask you to lay before His Honour the Speaker my application for promotion to Class 2-B, at a salary of \$1,200 to \$1,600.

Respectfully submitted.

ERNEST BERUBE,

Asst. Curator,
Senate Reading Room.

Major Chapleau,
Clerk of the Senate,
Ottawa.