

The Honourable Mr. Casgrain, from the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, presented their First Report.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 8,

FRIDAY, January 21, 1916.

The Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, beg leave to present their First Report, as follows:—

Your Committee met this day at 10.40, a.m., for purposes of organization and the election of a Chairman. It was found impossible to secure the attendance of a majority of the Members, which would be twenty-five, but on the attendance of twenty-two Members of the Committee a motion to proceed with the election of a Chairman was submitted and was carried.

Your Committee beg to recommend that their action in this matter be sanctioned by the Senate.

Your Committee also recommend that their quorum be reduced to nine (9) members.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. B. CASGRAIN,  
*Acting Chairman.*

With leave of the Senate, it was

Ordered, That Rule 24*a* and *h* be suspended in respect to the said Report.

The said Report was then adopted.

The Honourable Mr. Ross (Middleton), from the Standing Committee on Divorce, presented their First Report.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

THE SENATE,

COMMITTEE ROOM No. 43,

FRIDAY, January 21, 1916.

The Standing Committee on Divorce beg leave to make their First Report.

1. Your Committee recommend that the quorum of the Committee be reduced to three (3) members, for all purposes, including the taking of evidence upon oath as to the matters set forth in Petitions for Bills of Divorce, except that, when a Petition for a Bill of Divorce is contested, five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of reporting to the Senate the conclusions arrived at and the action recommended by the Committee.

2. In view of the large number of applications for Bills of Divorce of which notice has been given, your Committee recommend that leave be given them to sit during all adjournments of the Senate, and also during sittings of the Senate.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. ROSS,  
*Chairman.*

With leave of the Senate, it was

Ordered, That Rule 24*a* and *h* be suspended in respect to the said Report.

The said Report was then adopted.

The Honourable Mr. Power, from the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, presented their First Report.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—