

HANDFIELD DIVORCE PETITION

On the motion for the adjournment of the Senate:

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: I would call the attention of the honourable member from Moose Jaw (Hon. Mr. Willoughby) to the fact that the list of Divorce reports covered by his motion includes the case of Dr. Handfield, which was contested.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes, but I understood from the honourable gentleman that only those cases that are not contested would be proceeded with this week.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: None of the contested ones will be proceeded with before the adjournment. There are only four contested, and that is one of them.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

 THE SENATE

Tuesday, December 14, 1926.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND presented the report of the Committee on Selection and moved:

That the Senators mentioned in the Report of the Committee of Selection as having been chosen to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present Session, be and they are hereby appointed to form part of and constitute the several Committees with which their respective names appear in said Report, to inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time; and that the Committee on Standing Orders is authorized to send for persons, papers and records whenever required; and also that the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts have power, without special reference by the House, to consider any matter affecting the Internal Economy of the Senate, as to which The Honourable the Speaker is not called upon to act by The Civil Service Act, and such Committee shall report the result of such consideration to the House for action.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: Would it not be as well to allow this report to lie on the Table and appear in the records? Then if any member of the Senate wished to have changes made it could be done without the necessity of going back upon a document that had been passed.

Hon. W. B. ROSS.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Undoubtedly that would be the better form, but I have been asked to urge the Senate to dispense with that procedure in order that the Committees may get to work as quickly as possible, as it is hoped that Parliament will adjourn Thursday or Friday of this week. If we lose one day now we shall be unable to attain the object for which we met last evening.

Right Hon. Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER: All right.

The motion was agreed to.

DOWNEY DIVORCE PETITION

REFUND OF FEES

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved:

That the Committee on Divorce be authorized to consider and report upon an application for refund of the Parliamentary fees paid upon the petition of Sadie Joy Downey, praying for a Bill of Divorce.

He said: I am instructed that the respondent has died since last Session.

The motion was agreed to.

DIVORCE REPORTS

MOTION

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY moved:

That the Reports of the Committee on Divorce made during the last Session of Parliament numbered 97, 136, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 145, 146, 147, 148 and 149, be referred to the Committee on Divorce, and that the said Committee be empowered to take into consideration all the evidence submitted to the said Committee during the last Session of Parliament with respect to the said reports.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Will the honourable gentleman tell us why he has made a distinction between the reports that were dealt with last evening, and those that come under this motion?

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: As a matter of fact I thought the Clerk had prepared a motion for the referring of all Bills, not only those that had passed this House and the other, but also the ones that had passed this House only. I was surprised not to find them all here.

The Hon. The SPEAKER: Honourable gentlemen, I might state that the Clerk explains to me that these Bills came down to the House yesterday. Now it is desired to send them to the Divorce Committee.

The motion was agreed to.