

Finance Minister proposes to proceed with the Estimates, as has been his habit for some time, before he makes his financial statement, or after ?

Mr. FOSTER. It is my intention to proceed with the Estimates almost immediately. The Budget Speech will not be delivered for a little time.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved :

That a Special Committee of seven members be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed. Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by the House on Thursday last, the 26th instant, to be composed of Sir John Thompson, Sir Adolphe Caron, Sir Richard Cartwright, and Messieurs Costigan, Haggart, Laurier and Mills (Bothwell).

Motion agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY— INTERNAL ECONOMY.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON presented a Message from His Excellency the Governor-General.

Mr. SPEAKER read the Message, as follows :—

STANLEY OF PRESTON.

The Governor-General transmits to the House of Commons, an approved Minute of Council, appointing the Honourable George Eulas Foster, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Charles Hibbert Tupper, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the Honourable John Graham Haggart, Minister of Railways and Canals, and the Honourable Joseph Aldric Ouimet, Minister of Public Works, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons, as Commissioners for the purpose and under the provisions of the 13th Chapter of the Revised Statutes of Canada, intituled, "An Act respecting the House of Commons."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

OTTAWA, 27th January, 1893.

OFFICIAL DEBATES COMMITTEE.

Mr. FOSTER moved :

That a Select Committee be appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, with power to report from time to time ; to be composed of Messieurs Beausoleil, Béchard, Cameron, Charlton, Davin, Hazen, Innes, LaRivière, Lépine, Prior, Scriver, Somerville, Taylor, Weldon, and White (Cardwell).

Motion agreed to.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to ; and House adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, 31st January, 1893.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

PRAYERS.

DISFRANCHISEMENT FOR BRIBE TAKING.

Mr. DICKEY (for Mr. Weldon) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 2) to disfranchise voters who have taken bribes. He said : This Bill provides that, on the petition of twenty-five electors in any constituency, the Government shall be obliged to appoint a commission composed of one member of the Bench of the Superior Court of the province, and that this commissioner shall proceed to the constituency, take evidence with regard to the prevalence of improper practices, and report the persons guilty of such, and these people shall be disfranchised for a period of eight years. That is the general scope of this Bill.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 3) to amend the Wrecks and Salvage Act.—(Mr. Costigan.)

AMENDMENT TO THE FRANCHISE ACT.

Mr. CHOQUETTE (Translation) moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Franchise Act, chap. 5., R.S.C. He said : The Bill I now introduce is very simple ; it provides that a clause be added after clause 35 of this Act, with respect to appeals from the decisions of the revising officer, so as to fix a time during which these appeals should be decided. I propose by this Bill that these appeals shall be decided within three months, or that they be declared null and that the names remain on the electoral list. That will effectively prevent the recurrence of what occurs now in L'Islet.

REPORT.

Report of the Department of Militia and Defence for the half year ended 30th June, 1892.—(Mr. Patterson, Huron.)

SUPPLY—LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mr. FOSTER moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply.

Mr. DAVIES (P.E.I.) Before the close of the last session of the House, the First Minister, in reply to a question put to him by an hon. gentleman on this side of the House, stated that the question of appointing