

work here if he is employed. Therefore, there is no reason for my amendment, and with the permission of the House I beg leave to withdraw it.

The SPEAKER—If the report should be adopted in the form in which it is now, does this House think that it interferes with the old organization of the Senate?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—It is a money Bill, granting \$1,000. It is a money Bill.

The SPEAKER—Not from that point of view at all. Should this report not be referred to the Committee on Internal Economy? I think, if this were dealt with in the proper way I should have a word to say on the subject, as I have powers in that committee; I hold at least a seat on the committee, and should make a recommendation to alter the composition of the staff. If there is nothing in it, so much the better.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I may inform his hon. the Speaker that we took for granted that the question of reorganization of the reporting staff was, at all events by tacit consent, left to the wisdom of the Debates Committee. It needed considerable adjusting, and conferences had to be held with the House of Commons upon it. I felt at one time that the regular procedure should have been otherwise, but at the last moment—as we always act in a hurried manner—when all the conditions appeared to be satisfactory, the Debates Committee yesterday agreed upon this procedure, and I hope that his hon. the Speaker will put up with the conclusions we have arrived at and sanction them by contributing his mite in putting the vote to the House.

The SPEAKER—I suppose I shall have to accept what the committee has done and give silent consent. I have no personal objection; it was only a question of principle, and I want to be a member of this House in its dying days and what may be the dying days of my office.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Oh, you know the secrets of the Government.

The SPEAKER— I have no secrets at all, not even the secrets of the hon. member.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. FARRELL moved concurrence in the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Debates and Reporting.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE.

RECONSTRUCTION OF PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—As hon. gentlemen are aware, the leader of the House and myself are on the committee for the reconstruction of the Parliament Buildings. Some changes in the plans up to date have been recommended and are on view in Hon. Mr. Rogers' room, and the architect is there to explain them. It has been suggested to put another story on the top of the building, and the plans showing the proposed addition are there to be seen.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE—The only intimation I have noticed from time to time as to what changes are suggested is what appears in the papers. There are two plans before us, the first one that was submitted and the subsequent one. I looked over both, and it seemed to me that the majority of those who were present were decidedly in favour of the second one, but one of the city papers mentioned that the first plan had been adopted. I could not understand why that could be if the sentiment of those present indicated their wish in the matter. The first one was practically somewhat like the old one—showing the Senate as a Chamber within a Chamber, which did not extend to the outer walls; the other put the Senate Chamber in the east end of the block, the windows opening to the outside, as in this building. It would be interesting to know which plan is to be adopted; the committee have not told us which one is preferred.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—It would be well to see the plans before expressing an opinion on it. As far as the Senate is concerned, a good many members have approved of what is known as Ewart's plan.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE—That is the plan I referred to as the last one.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—The commoners were unanimous in favour of the other. A change has recently been made, and at the last meeting we thought it advisable to have the plans brought down so that hon. gentlemen could see them before they are adopted.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Could the hon. gentleman tell us what reasons were given in favour of settling the plan which puts the two Chambers at the extreme ends of the building and not in the center, as Mr. Ewart suggested?

Hon. Mr. WATSON—The plan known as the Pearson-Marchand plan has more out-