

The translation of the Debates is urgent and important and some provision should be made whereby that work can be carried on until other arrangements are made either by way of the proposed Translation Bureau, or by providing for a Debates Translation staff.

During the past seventeen years the expenditure of the Senate has increased from \$117,000. to \$150,000, an increase of \$23,000, made up by statutory increases and the extra cost in the upkeep of the present quarters as compared with the very limited quarters in the Museum. In 1917 there was a permanent staff of 42 and now it is 23. On all occasions the Senate has co-operated with the Department of Finance in curtailing expenditure. This year the Department have undertaken to cut the Senate Estimates without consultation and as a result items which are absolutely necessary have been deleted and items which could have been postponed are included.

In reviewing the work of the Senate for the past few years, I am now of the opinion that the Senate have gone too far in curtailing expenditure and the staff is not sufficiently large to render efficient service at all times, particularly during the closing days of a session.

On the other hand amalgamations could be made to the advantage of the service and a material reduction in cost.

For instance one post office, for the two Houses, (a branch of the city Post Office and operated during the session only) one reading room, one stationery office, one translating staff and one Law Branch.

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Bank Act*

Yours truly,

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