

indeed to direct the attention of the Government to the very fitting remarks which he has made; but speaking in regard to any intended action by the Government at the present time the Government has no intention of seeking any legislation similar to that to which he has alluded. We, however, will watch, with very considerable interest, the manner in which it will work out in the United States.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNTS OF THE SENATE.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. POWER moved:

That the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts have power, without special reference from the House, to consider any matter affecting the Internal Economy of the Senate, as to which His Honour the Speaker is not called upon to act by the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1908, and such committee shall report the result of such consideration to the House for action.

He said: Under the practice as it existed up to a few years ago, this resolution would not be necessary, but at the present time, when the hon. leader of the Government has moved and carried the adoption of the report of the Striking Committee, he moves that the several committees shall inquire into and report upon such matters as may be referred to them from time to time. Adhering closely to the wording of that resolution, the Committee on Internal Economy could not do anything, because the matters with respect to the internal economy of the House, the supplying of stationery, and other things of that sort could not be attended to unless they were specially referred by the House; and last year we adopted a resolution in order to get over that difficulty, which, it will be observed, is more sweeping in its terms than the resolution of which I have given notice. The resolution passed last year reads as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts be authorized to meet when and as often as it may deem necessary, and without special reference to inquire into and report on such matters connected with the internal economy of the Senate as it may think in the interest of the House.

Hon. gentlemen will see that the resolution which is now submitted is less sweeping in its character. It contains this provision, that the committee can consider any matter affecting the internal economy of the Senate, as to which His Honour the

Speaker is not called upon to act by the Civil Service Act Amendment Act of 1908 and such committee shall report the result of such consideration to the House for action. Speaking for myself and I think I can speak for the other members of the committee there is not the slightest desire to infringe in any way upon the rights, privileges, or sphere of duty of His Honour the Speaker, and inasmuch as the committee have to report the result of their deliberations to the House, no one can be hurt.

The SPEAKER—I do not intend to declare this motion carried before calling attention to the fact that last year a similar motion, although the present motion is not so stringent, was by me declared out of order, because it was calling the House to pronounce itself a second time during the session on a question which had been decided in one sense, and asking a decision in another sense. I simply call attention to this fact, and though the present motion is manifestly out of order, as no one object to it. I declared it carried.

The motion was agreed to.

COMPANIES INCORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

SECOND READING POSTPONED.

The order of the day being called:

Second Reading (Bill A), "An Act to amend An Act incorporating Companies."—(Hon. Mr. Domville.)

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I am not the father of this Bill. I have been asked by the hon. gentleman who introduced it to see to its procedure through the House. I regret to say that the hon. gentleman is unable to be here to look after this Bill. The Bill contains principles which are under consideration now by the proper department of the Government of Canada. Under these circumstances, I do not feel called upon, or prepared to advocate the passage of the Bill at the present moment, and I ask as a favour not to myself personally, but to the hon. senator who is the father of the Bill, to have it dropped from the order paper to-day and placed on the order paper for to-morrow week so as to give me time to get into communication with him and acquaint him with the condition of things. I understand the Bill is considered very important. I therefore move with the permission of the House that the order of the day be dis-