

Hon. Mr. POWER: Now that this motion to rescind has been carried, I suggest to the leader of the Government that, as this resolution was apparently adopted without due consideration, it should not appear in our Minutes.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes, I think it is desirable that the motion should not be in the Minutes.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock.

## THE SENATE.

Friday, January 26, 1917.

The Senate met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

## IMMIGRANTS IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

### INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY inquired of the Government the number of immigrants that landed in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island in the years 1915 and 1916.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: The number of immigrants who settled in the Maritime Provinces—Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island—during the fiscal year 1914-15, was 11,104, and during the fiscal year 1915-1916, was 5,981.

## GOVERNMENT COMMISSIONS.

### MOTION.

Hon. Mr. LEGRIS moved:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the Senate a statement showing the date and object of all commissions instituted by the Government of the day, since its accession to power in 1911, up to the present date; the number of days during which each of these commissions sat, and what was the cost of each to the country.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I would suggest that the motion be amended to include the names of the personnel of the various commissions.

Hon. Mr. POWER.

Hon. Mr. LEGRIS: I have no objection.

The motion, amended as suggested, was agreed to.

## OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

### PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS.

Hon. the SPEAKER: I have the honour to lay before the Senate the following communications:

The Senate, Clerk's Office,  
Ottawa, 18th January, 1917.

Sir,—Adverting to the Order of the Senate of the 17th of May last, that shorthand writers be secured to report the debates of the Senate, I have the honour to report that Mr. Albert Horton, chief of that branch of the staff, who was authorized to organize the same, has submitted the names of Messrs. D. J. Halpin and H. H. Emerson, as the best men he could find to assist him in his work, and these two men are now awaiting being appointed to assume the discharge of their duties.

As the skill requisite to perform this work is somewhat peculiar, if not technical, these appointments could be made under Section 21 of the Civil Service Act, 1908, subject, however, to the provisions of Section 19 of the said Act.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd) Sam'l E. St. O. Chapleau.

Hon. Joseph Bolduc,  
Speaker of the Senate,  
Ottawa.

The Senate,  
Speaker's Office,  
Ottawa, January 26, 1917.

Referring to the letter of Clerk of the Senate of the 18th instant, relative to the proposed appointment of shorthand writers to report the debates of the Senate, I recommend the appointment of Messrs. D. J. Halpin and H. H. Emerson, as suggested by the Chief of that branch of the Staff, at the minimum salary of Subdivision B of the First Division, subject, however, to the provisions of Section 19 of the Civil Service Act, 1908.

(Sgd) Joseph Bolduc,  
Speaker.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I think these communications should be referred to the Standing Committee on Debates and Reporting, and I move accordingly.

The motion was agreed to.

## ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It is usual at this period of the Session to have a short adjournment while awaiting the arrival of business from the Commons, and I purpose moving that when the House adjourns to-day it shall stand adjourned until a week from Monday at three o'clock in the afternoon.