

building colonization roads, and they have got into difficulties. They constructed their lines to a certain extent, and had to discontinue the work and those roads are in a much more favourable country than the section which is to be traversed by this road. It is just possible that when the papers asked for by the motion of the honourable gentleman from Richmond, come down, the government and Parliament—the government at any rate—will be so far committed to this scheme that it will be almost impossible, or at all events impracticable, to withdraw. We find the contractors, or would be contractors are not waiting. They are going to work apparently as if they felt certain that this grant was to be made. I think that Parliament should express its opinion upon the matter before steps have been taken which perhaps cannot be undone. I do not wish to inflict a speech upon the House if we have an undertaking from the leader of the government that the papers will be laid upon the table promptly.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Oh, yes.

The motion was agreed to.

CIVIL SERVICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS introduced Bill (E) "An Act to amend the Civil Service Act." He said: The object of this bill is to provide for the necessary proceedings in cases of irregularity and fraud practised at the examinations of persons seeking for certificates. It provides that in case of refusal of persons to answer questions, they may be committed for contempt.

The bill was read the first time.

THE INSOLVENCY BILL.

MOTION.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The Senate will remember that last year when we introduced the Insolvency Bill, there was a great demand for copies of it, particularly by the commercial community throughout the whole Dominion, and in order to meet that demand we ordered the printing of 2,500 in English and 1,000 in French. I do not think it necessary that we should go to that

expense this time, and I was thinking that if we ordered the printing of just one-half the number, it would be quite sufficient on the present occasion. With the concurrence of the Senate, I move:

That in addition to the regular number of copies of bill (A) entitled: "An Act respecting Insolvency," 1,250 copies in English and 500 copies in French be printed for general distribution.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—Are the amendments that have been proposed of such importance as to justify another issue of the bill? Would not a leaf, showing where the amendments come in, be sufficient without having the bill printed entirely?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—There is no amendment in principle proposed in the bill; it is more in the verbiage, and changing sentences and rearranging some clauses. As I explained when I introduced the bill, the changes which were made in special committee, and also the changes and alterations which were made at the table in the House, were somewhat in conflict with some of the other clauses as originally drafted, and this is simply a rearrangement of the whole bill. The changes are not of sufficient importance to justify a reprint after we have reconsidered it here.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—What I wished to know was whether the changes were of sufficient importance to necessitate the printing of a new edition.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, 3rd May, 1895.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

AN ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC moved:

That when the Senate adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, the 21st instant, at eight o'clock in the evening.