

Commons shall be the sum of six thousand dollars per annum each, and that the salary of the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons shall be four thousand dollars per annum.

5. That for every session of Parliament which extends beyond fifty days there shall be payable to each Member of the Senate and House of Commons attending such session a sessional allowance of four thousand dollars, and that a Member shall not be entitled to the sessional allowance if he does not attend a sitting of the House of which he is a member on at least three-fourths of the days upon which such House sits, and that the allowance for any less number of days shall be twenty-five dollars for each day's attendance. A deduction at the rate of twenty-five dollars per day shall be made from the said sessional allowance for every day beyond fifteen on which the Member does not attend a sitting of the House of which he is a member if the House sits on such day. Provided, that, in the case of a Member elected or appointed after the commencement of a session, no day of the session previous to such election or appointment shall be reckoned as one of such fifteen days, and each day on which the House sits when the member is in the place where the session is held but is by reason of his illness unable to attend any such sitting as aforesaid, shall be reckoned as a day of attendance at such session, for the purpose of the indemnity; and a member shall, for the said latter purpose, be held to be in the place where the session is held whenever he is within ten miles of such place.

6. That sections twelve and thirteen of the Senate and House of Commons Act be amended by adding the Member of the King's Privy Council holding the recognized position of First Minister to the list of offices mentioned therein which may be held without disqualifying the holder thereof from sitting and voting in the House of Commons, any one of which may be resigned by the holder thereof and any other of which may within one month of the resignation be accepted by such holder without vacating his seat in the House of Commons, unless a new administration has been formed in the meantime and has occupied the said offices.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: This is a motion upon which I desire to speak somewhat fully, but I do not intend to do so this evening. The subject has already been discussed in the House and I venture to suggest that the debate upon it might take place upon the second reading of the Bill, which according to Parliamentary practice is the time at which the principle of the Bill is discussed. I would suggest to the committee that the resolution might be passed without committing any one in the slightest degree and with the full understanding that all debate on the subject shall take place on the second reading and in committee on the Bill. This proposal is not made with the idea of restricting debate in any way, but merely that the debate may not take place twice. I hope that the committee will see its way clear to accede to this suggestion.

[Sir Robert Borden.]

Mr. FIELDING: Would it not be desirable that two Bills should be prepared rather than one? The Act respecting ministers' salaries and the Act respecting the Senate and House of Commons are two distinct things, but the whole matter is dealt with in one resolution. I think there would be an advantage in separating them. I offer the suggestion to the right hon. gentleman, when it comes to the question of the Bill, that there should be two separate Acts. I think it would be more convenient if they were dealt with separately.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I left the drafting of the Bill altogether to the Parliamentary Counsel. I think he put the whole matter into one Bill, but if the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fielding) attaches importance to the suggestion he has made I will endeavour to change it.

Mr. FIELDING: I do not attach enough importance to it to press the matter. I only suggest to the right hon. gentleman that it would conform to good legislative practice, but having made the suggestion I am content to leave it in his hands.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I rather think my hon. friend is right in his suggestion to have it in the form of two Bills. However, it was not brought to my attention before. Perhaps under the circumstances it might be introduced in the form in which it has been prepared by the Parliamentary Counsel on whom I have relied in the matter and who has placed it in this shape.

Resolution reported.

Right Hon. Sir ROBERT BORDEN (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 219, to amend the Salaries Act and the House of Commons Act.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time.

SUPPLY.

House again in Committee of Supply.

The Naval Service—to provide for the maintenance of the Royal Canadian Navy, \$300,000.

Further amount required, \$5,700,000.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I was just going to make a suggestion to my hon. friend the minister (Mr. Ballantyne) who is in charge of these Estimates, namely, repeat the suggestion made by my hon. friend from Shelburne and Queen's (Mr. Fielding) the other evening, that when we vote on these Estimates we vote on them as they have been brought down, first on what is