

been called until now, to the alleged misconduct of this officer. He would bring it under the notice of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Hon. Mr. MILLER suggested that the proper course would have been to have referred the matter to the Department in the first place.

THE DISMISSAL OF HENRY APPLETON.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. POWER enquired

For the reasons which led to the dismissal of Henry Appleton, lately in charge of the railway workshops at Richmond, near Halifax, and whether it is the intention of the Government to provide other employment for Mr. Appleton?

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—The hon. gentleman asked a day or two ago, what was the reason for the dismissal. It was not because of any misconduct on the part of Mr. Appleton, but because there was no necessity for continuing his services. The Government have no employment which they can offer to Mr. Appleton at present.

THE SENATE DEBATES.

THE FOURTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. HAYTHORNE moved the adoption of the fourth report of the Committee on Reporting and Publishing the Debates of the Senate. He said that there had been a change in the *personnel* of the Committee. Several new members had been appointed, himself among the number. Several tenders had been sent in to the Committee, but, having in view the terms of the order of the House, it was considered that the main object was not to secure the cheapest means of reporting the debates, but the best means. Accordingly the Committee, perceiving that general satisfaction had been expressed with the reporting during the present session, and that with some alterations the system of publication in practice this year would meet with the views of the House, came to the conclusion that it would be wise to accept the tender of the Messrs. Holland, the present contractors. The difference

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between the tender which was recommended to the House for acceptance and the contract for the present session was, that the reports would appear in the regular edition of the *Free Press* next year instead of a special edition. The tender for next session also included 200 copies of the *Free Press* to be sent to members of the House of Commons during the session. The increased cost for next session would be only \$300.

Hon. Mr. ALEXANDER said that when the Committee met he was aware that the tender of the Ottawa *Citizen* had not been received, but though he informed them of the fact that such a tender was expected, they were not disposed to postpone their meeting. About an hour after the Committee rose, he (Mr. Alexander) received the offer of the *Citizen*, and he, therefore, moved

“That the report be not adopted; but that the tender of the *Citizen* Printing Co. be accepted, and that the Chairman of said Committee is hereby instructed to accept the same, without further reference to the Committee.”

It was obvious that the morning paper was the one which should publish the debates of the Senate. The afternoon paper was seldom much read. He would be very sorry to make any proposition which would have the effect of depriving the House of the services of the Messrs. Holland. No member of the Senate could have a higher appreciation of their skill than he had, but it was quite possible to make an arrangement by which they could be retained and their reports could be published in the *Citizen*.

Hon. Mr. McCLELAN said he supported the report of the Committee because it met the wish of the hon. Senator from Woodstock for greater publicity to the debates of the Senate. Next session the reports would appear in the regular edition of the *Free Press*, and any Senator who wished to have copies of that journal sent to his county newspaper could have it done by notifying the contractors to place it on the exchange list. So far as the offer from the *Citizen* was concerned, it had not been received by the Committee, and he could not express an opinion upon it. If there was to be an official report next session, he hoped that