

MEMBER INTRODUCED.

Richard Willis Jameson, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Winnipeg, introduced by the Prime Minister (Mr. Laurier) and the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Sifton).

PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. LANDERKIN moved :

That that part of the 49th Rule which affects the time for presenting Private Bills, be suspended, in reference to the following petitions, namely : the Georgian Bay Ship Canal and Power Aqueduct Company ; the Restigouche and Victoria Railway Company ; the Montreal Bridge Company ; the Great Eastern Railway Company ; the Sun Life Insurance Company ; the Columbia Western Railway Company, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, as contained in their Seventh Report.

Mr. SPROULE. Before this motion is adopted, I wish to say, that it appears to me that we ought either change the 49th rule, or else have less frequent attempts in this House to suspend it. If the rule is of any value whatever, it ought to be adhered to as closely as possible, and it should only be departed from under very exceptional circumstances. Every year this motion is made over and over again, and it appears to me that the rule is more honoured in the breach than in the observance. The rule should be changed, or else when an effort is made to have it suspended, very strong reasons should be given for such a motion.

Motion agreed to.

HALIFAX LOAN COMPANY.

Mr. FRASER moved :

That that part of the 49th Rule which limits the time for receiving Private Bills, be suspended, in reference to the petition of the Halifax Loan Company, Limited, in accordance with the recommendation of the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, as contained in their Seventh Report.

He said : I take for granted that the committee has looked into this matter. While the rule is a good one, it must in certain cases be suspended, and the committee are the best judges when that should be done.

Mr. SPROULE. That does not make it any more justifiable to violate the rule.

Motion agreed to.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEBATES.

Mr. SOMERVILLE moved :

That the First Report of the Select Committee appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates of this House during the present session, be now concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 90) respecting the Montreal Bridge Company.—(Mr. Boisvert.)

Bill (No. 91) respecting the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.—(Mr. Rosamond.)

Bill (No. 92) respecting the Great Eastern Railway Company.—(Mr. Boisvert.)

Bill (No. 93) to incorporate the Columbia and Western Railway Company.—(Mr. Bostock.)

SUPPLY

House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Charges of Management..... \$150,650

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). The hon. leader of the Opposition will see that there is a considerable reduction in the total amount. There are very small increases in commission on public debt, in brokerage and in miscellaneous printing ; but in most of the other items, including the charge for printing Dominion notes, there are considerable reductions.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I see there is an increase in the charge for printing, inspection, advertising, &c., from \$12,500 to \$15,000. Will the hon. gentleman explain ?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Last year they found that the item which had been reduced to its old figure was not quite large enough, and not wishing to be caught in that predicament again, we ask for \$15,000. The hon. gentleman understands that, unless absolutely required, this sum will not be expended.

The Governor General's Office..... \$11,150

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. This is precisely as heretofore, with the exception of a very small statutory increase of \$25 in the one case and \$12.50 in another.

Mr. SPROULE. I thought the Government had stopped all the statutory increases this year.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. These were statutory increases that had been granted before. They are just balanced periods. They had been granted, in the one case, terminating on the 1st October, and in the other case, terminating on the 1st of January next.

The Department of Justice, including \$4,000 for the Deputy of the Minister of Justice and \$600 allowance for the salary of the private secretary of the Solicitor General, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act. \$24,850

Mr. SPROULE. There is an increase in the first item of \$450.