

Mr. FIELDING. There were four ministers on the Tariff Commission—the Minister of Customs, (Mr. Paterson), the then Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Brodeur), the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Sir Richard Cartwright) and myself. The Minister of Trade and Commerce was not able to go much with us, but in various portions of the country we had the assistance of other ministers in their respective regions. For instance, in the west we had the present Minister of Inland Revenue (Mr. Templeman). The expenditures I have given include the charges for all ministers who were in any way connected with the investigation.

Mr. LAKE. Is the evidence being printed?

Mr. FIELDING. It was brought down to the House, but my recollection is that the Printing Committee did not advise the printing of it. I think that the House would not care to have it printed. It is very voluminous and there is a great deal of repetition in it. However, we submitted it to the House, and the decision was on the judgment of the committee.

Mr. SPROULE. Did the commission make a brief or summary of it?

Mr. FIELDING. I think there is no brief that could be produced in the House. Of course, we have taken our own notes, each for his own guidance.

Mr. SPROULE. It is not being gone over with a view of making a summary of it?

Mr. FIELDING. Not to make an official brief. As I say, we have taken our own notes, so as to assist our judgment in the future.

Mr. SPROULE. It would be very valuable to have a brief of that kind. I suppose the report is all typewritten?

Mr. FIELDING. Yes.

Mr. SPROULE. Does the minister know how many pages it covers? It is very voluminous, I suppose?

Mr. FIELDING. Very voluminous. My hon. friend the Minister of Customs (Mr. Paterson) is more familiar with it than I am. I know that the evidence made a number of volumes. I think the House would not find it profitable to print it. However, we have no objection if the House wishes it.

Mr. SPROULE. Have you only one copy?

Mr. FIELDING. There was only one copy laid on the table. I think each minister was furnished with a copy.

Some resolutions reported.

Mr. FIELDING moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. SPROULE. What business will be taken on Monday?

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Mr. FIELDING. At the present stage we would like to be free to take up any items which remain. There are scattered items in all the departments. We will take the remaining Bills on the order paper, and then Supply, beginning with the Minister of Railways.

Mr. SPROULE. Have the government any idea when they will be able to prorogue? The Sunday Bill being now out of the way so far as this House is concerned, we might make an estimate.

Mr. FIELDING. Of course much will depend upon the progress which the other branch of parliament may make on the business before it. After we have some information as to what is the disposition of the Senate on that and other measures, we will be better able to fix a day for prorogation.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, July 9, 1906.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Eleven o'clock.

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Wm. ROCHE (Halifax) presented the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th reports of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. BARKER. If I am in order, I would like to call attention to the fact that several of these reports contain a recommendation that they be printed, and at this stage of the session, if they were referred to the Printing Committee, there might be some difficulty in getting a report from that committee before the close of the session. I would therefore move that the House order the printing. This has been done, I think, in other cases.

Mr. FIELDING. If it were possible, it would be better to confine ourselves to the rule that all these matters should be considered by the Joint Committee on Printing. However, if there is any likelihood of delay and hon. gentlemen attach importance to immediate action, I have no objection to the motion. The reports contain within themselves the recommendation to print, so that when we adopt them, we thereby order the printing.

Mr. Wm. ROCHE moved that the 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th reports of the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.