

the opposition, and ask leave under the circumstances to withdraw the amendment.

The amendment was withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL, from the committee, reported the Bill with amendments which were concurred in.

The Bill was then read the 3rd time and passed.

CIVIL SERVICE INCREASE OF SALARY BILL.

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved the second reading of Bill (187), An Act to authorize certain increases of salary to members of the Civil Service (inside service). He said: This Bill is for the purpose of giving a certain increase to the officers in the various departments.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Is this simply to provide for the payment of an increase to those officers who do not benefit by the law of 1908?

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—Under the conditions therein specified.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: If I understand section 37 of the Act of 1908, it means that all the officers that have been classified by our action have a right to their \$50 increase. When does that annual increase commence? On the 1st of September, or with the financial year?

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I understand it commences on the first of September.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—From the 1st of September to this date, there would be a part of the year that would be covered by this law, but before the law came into force we had a resolution passed by this House granting some increase providing the clerk should make a report to the Senate that the officer was deserving. If the increase commences from the 1st of September, the necessary amount from the 1st of July to the 1st of September must be taken in accordance with the old resolution passed by this House.

Hon. Mr. POWER.

At all events, if the right hon. gentleman states that he understands it is to commence on the first of September, that will settle the question.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—If we go into committee, he will see that provision is made that certain increases shall be an offset against this grant of \$150, otherwise annual increases will not be interfered with.

The motion was agreed to and the Bill was read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

(In the Committee.)

On clause (4),

4. All increases granted hereunder shall take effect from the first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and eight.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—That is just the exact date the Act came into force. I understand the annual increase will date from September to September.

Hon. Mr. POWER—Take our own case, in the third last column of the schedule you get the increase from September first, 1908, to March 31st, 1909, and then in the last column you get the increase from April first, 1909, to March 31st, 1910.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—That is for the purpose of the appropriation to be voted.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—My hon. friend will note that the classification had to be made on the salary which was payable to any individual clerk on the first of September last.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I do not concede that.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—That was the law on which the classification was made.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—That was the law applied to the Departments, not to the House of Commons nor to the Senate.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—It had to be applied to every one.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Clause (5) reads:

5. All sums of money voted by parliament for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand nine hun-