

If the government is aware of the fact that George D. Eldridge, second vice-president of the said company, who appeared before the said committee, as the principal witness in the interests of the said company, during the said investigation, was also recently arrested, and indicted by the grand jury and arraigned in the General Sessions of New York on five indictments found against him, two for grand larceny in the first degree, and three for forgery in the second degree, all in connection with the administration of the affairs of the company affecting the interests of Canadian policy-holders?

Also, if one George Burnham, brother of the president of the said company, also a director thereof, and counsel for the same, is held by the police and judicial authorities of New York under the same charges as mentioned above?

If the government is aware that this executive action by the authorities of criminal justice in New York, against the said two Burnhams and the said Eldridge, was suggested by and is largely based upon the results of the parliamentary investigation, ordered by this honourable House two years ago?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Many of these questions relate to matters entirely outside of Canada, and I do not know that the government has any connection with them.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—We will see that later on, or know the reason why.

The Senate adjourned until three o'clock to-morrow.

## SENATE.

OTTAWA, Tuesday, March 13, 1906.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT laid on the table the third volume of the Report of the Auditor General.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—That is the third volume, is it not?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Yes, it includes two of the most important spending departments, Railways and Public Works.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Are not the first and second volumes ready for distribution?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, there is another volume which, I understand, will be ready to-day. It will be presented to-morrow, and there is still another to come. The report is being published in this form because Mr. Fraser, the new Auditor General, did not like to cut it down since it was Mr. McDougall's report. The delay of presenting it does not lie with the Department of Printing, but occurred in getting the material ready and reading the proofs.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—It seems singular that we should have the third volume laid on the table before either the first or the second. Is it possible that the first and second volumes are not yet printed?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It was found that the whole report could not be got out because some of the departments had not completed their portion. My hon. friend knows that the volume is made up in alphabetical order, A to Z. The two most important departments in regard to which parliament would desire to be informed are, of course, Railways and Canals and Public Works, and as these were ready they were included in the volume which is now presented. Another volume has been delayed because it happened to contain the Mounted Police expenditure, and there was some delay in obtaining the items. It will, however, be presented to-morrow or the day after, I believe.

### THE RULES OF THE SENATE.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Before the orders of the day are called, I would like to suggest to the hon. member from Halifax (Hon. Mr. Power), if he will take a suggestion from me—that the committee of which he was chairman reported certain amendments to the rules governing this House at the last session. It was deemed inadvisable so near the close of the session, to adopt them in bulk, and without further consideration. What I would suggest to the hon. gentleman, if he thinks it is a better way to proceed, is that he should put a notice on the order paper asking to refer the report which was presented to the House at the last session, to a Committee of the Whole House, so that we can consider calmly and coolly in Committee of the Whole; as we shall have very little to