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The Select Committee appointed by the House to act with a like committee of the Senate to consider the cost of each session of Parliament and of reducing the same, beg leave to present the following as their first report:

Your committee recommend that the quorum of the two committees when meeting together shall consist of seven members.

Mr. GRAHAM: Has any work been done by the committee?

Mr. NORTHRUP: This report is simply the first report after the two committees had met. We found that, owing to an adjournment of the Senate, it might be impossible to obtain a quorum, and so it was agreed to ask this House to reduce the number of the quorum to seven.

On motion of Mr. Northrup the report was concurred in.

PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS.

Hon. W. J. ROCHE (Minister of the Interior) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 92, respecting a certain convention between His Majesty and the United States of America for the protection of migratory birds in Canada and the United States.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. ROCHE: This Bill is the result of a treaty that was entered into between His Majesty and the United States Government a few months ago for the better protection of migratory birds. It was found that migratory birds, both game birds and insectivorous birds, that migrate from the United States to Canada and vice versa, have become very much reduced in numbers owing to the laxness and non-enforcement of game laws, and because some of the states as well as some of the provinces of Canada had not sufficiently effective game laws. It was therefore decided that the only possible way in which these birds could be properly protected was by a treaty between the two countries. Such a treaty was entered into which has been assented to by the various states that have jurisdiction over the game laws in the United States, and by the various provinces that have jurisdiction over the game laws in Canada. There is to-day a Bill before Congress giving effect to the treaty so far as the United States is concerned, and this Bill takes similar action with regard to Canada.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

QUESTIONS.

MILITIA DEPARTMENT MOTOR CARS.

Mr. TOBIN:

1. How many motor cars are used by the Militia Department at Halifax?
2. For what purpose are the said cars used?

Sir EDWARD KEMP:

1. Four.
2. These cars are used by the General Officer Commanding the District and the staff in connection with military duties.

ST. CHARLES RIVER DAM.

Mr. LACHANCE:

1. Since when was the work on the dam in the St. Charles river, Quebec, stopped, and upon whose order or request?
2. For what reason was it so stopped?
3. When will the work be again started?

Mr. REID:

1. Work on the St. Charles river works at Quebec has not been stopped.
- 2 and 3. Answered by No. 1.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN.

Mr. TOBIN:

What are the names, rank, pay, and nature and place of employment of all officers attached to headquarters at Halifax and the various departments of the military service or connected in any way with Military Division No. 6?

COST OF LIVING IN THE YUKON.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. OLIVER: If I may be permitted, I would like to give the signature to the telegram which I read yesterday from the Yukon, because I find it does not appear in Hansard. The signature was that of Mrs. Geraldine Sharpe, of the Women's Protective League. I also received, under date of June 20, a confirmatory telegram from Mrs. Marie Fotheringham, of the Women's Progressive League.

LABOUR STRIKE IN WESTERN COAL MINES.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. OLIVER: Would the Minister of Labour give the House such information as he can in regard to the present situation of the difficulties respecting the coal miners of Alberta?

Mr. CROTHERS: I do not think I can add anything to the statement I made yesterday, which was to the effect that the