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What the committee on printing had to pass upon was whether it was advisable for the report to be published in blue-book form and reprinted in French, and also added as an appendix to the Journals of the House. To do that would cost the country about \$40,000, and as the report has already been printed and every one interested can get a copy, the committee did not see that there was any necessity to add to the expense by issuing the evidence in blue-book form and adding another foot or two to the Journals. For that reason the committee deemed it advisable not to concur in the recommendation that was referred to it. We alone have the right to say what shall go into the Journals of the House, for instance, and the committee, after due consideration, decided that sufficient printing had been done to meet the necessities of the case. I would ask for leave to amend the report by inserting after the word "recommendation", at page 1064, the words: "for additional printing."

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Would the hon. gentleman also explain the fourth paragraph?

Mr. CURRIE: That refers to a report presented to the Senate on the inspection of food. It dealt largely with the manufacture of whole wheat bread. Sir James Loughheed considered it advisable to have pamphlets dealing with the manufacture of whole wheat bread printed, and we concurred in that for five hundred copies, at a probable cost of about \$150.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: That would require the same amendment as to additional printing.

Mr. CURRIE: Yes, that should be there also, and I would ask permission to insert the same words in clause 4.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Perhaps the resolution might pass with the proviso that the report would be considered as amended by the insertion of the words "as to additional printing" in subsections 3 and 4 of section 239. It would appear from the statement of the hon. gentleman that, in both these matters, there was a recommendation in regard to printing, which was referred to the Printing Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER: To have such a motion in order, it would have to be regarded as a clerical error.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: The whole matter dealt with in the report is very

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much involved, and my attention was only drawn to it yesterday. It is a very important question, and I suggest that it be deferred until to-morrow.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I have no objection. I think the motion of the hon. member for Simcoe (Mr. Currie) is now pretty clear, although I confess I did not understand it when I first read it. As I understand the explanation, certain questions as to the printing of the second report of the special committee mentioned were referred to the committee on printing, and they took the matter into consideration and made this recommendation. Paragraph 3 of this report would express the meaning intended to be conveyed, if after the word "recommendation" the words "for additional printing" were inserted. The same insertion should be made after the word "recommendation" in paragraph 4. The report of this committee deals altogether with the question of printing, which was properly referred to it in each case. However, the matter may stand until to-morrow.

Consideration of the third report of the Joint Committee on Printing deferred.

Mr. CURRIE moved: That the fourth report of the joint committee of both Houses on printing of Parliament be concurred in. He said: this report deals with the printing of Parliament and of the various departments. It contains suggestions, but makes no recommendations. A report was made last year, and a further report this year which is to be found on page 1094 of the Votes and Proceedings. For several years the committee have been endeavouring to bring about some reduction in the cost of printing which has increased very greatly in recent years. It will be seen from this report that in 1913 the cost of the printing of Parliament was \$1,274,870. As a matter of fact, in five years it had increased from half a million to over a million and a quarter, and now in 1917 it is up to two and one-half millions dollars. We do not see that this expenditure is of any great importance, as far as information to the public is concerned. A report was made by the King's Printer with regard to the cost of printing of the various departments, which is referred to in this report. For instance, here is a report on the high cost of living. When that volume is completed and printed in French the cost to this country will be something like \$40,000. That item was given me by the King's