

CANADIAN OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE moved:

That an Order of the House do issue showing: 1st, the number of Canadian officers and soldiers who have returned from England during the present war without having been to the front, with an estimate of the cost of such officers and soldiers, giving the amount of the pay and the cost of maintenance, separately; and 2nd, the number of Canadian officers and soldiers still in England and who have been there for over a year and never been to the front, with like details of pay and cost of maintenance.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMISSIONS APPOINTED BY ORDER
IN COUNCIL.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE moved:

That an Order of the House do issue showing the number and name of all Commissions appointed by Order in Council since the General Elections of 1911, giving date of each Order in Council, names of Commissioners, term of service, amount paid to each of them, and total cost of each Commission.

The motion was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE.

MOTION.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

That when the Senate adjourns to-day it do stand adjourned until Monday, the 8th April next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Would the honourable the leader of the Government have any objection to changing the hour of meeting on April 8th to 8 o'clock in the evening? I understand that some members of the Senate live on branch lines of railways, and, as under the present regulation of railways no trains run on Sunday, if members are to be here by 3 o'clock in the afternoon they would have to leave home on Saturday night.

The motion, amended as suggested, was agreed to.

RAILWAY ACT CONSOLIDATION BILL

MOTION TO PRINT.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: With the leave of the House, I would move that authority be granted for the printing of 1,000 extra copies of Bill A, an Act to amend and consolidate the Railway Act. I think this is the same number printed by the House of Commons for distribution last year.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Has the Bill been printed with the amendments?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It has been printed practically as it came to us from the House of Commons, so we take it up de novo as it came from that House last session. The copies printed at that time have been distributed, consequently we need the same number of extra copies now.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: A number of important provisions in this Bill were adopted in another Bill last session. Will they come up again?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Any amendments to the Railway Act that actually came into force through becoming law will, of course, be embodied in the Railway Act as it stands to-day.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Is it the intention of the Government to move that the Bill be referred to the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs, and Harbours?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: That is the intention, the same as last year.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It seemed that we had exhausted the inquiry as to most of the contentious clauses, and that all the committee had to do was to deliberate and decide. Are we to start over again the whole hearing upon these decided clauses?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: That will be entirely at the discretion of the House. The second reading of the Bill appears on the Order Paper for April 8th, and when I move the second reading of the Bill upon that date it will be for the House to determine what procedure to pursue. It is my intention to move that the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbours, as was done previously.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: I should think the committee ought to decide as to the points mentioned. There will be on the committee quite a number of gentlemen who were not here last year.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: But the reference of the Bill will be within the discretion of the House.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT: But will it be a qualified reference, with definite instructions, or a general reference?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: There will be no qualification attached to it.