

*Retirements from Service*

as a member I have ever asked for anything in the library which he was not able to reach in very quick time, or for any other service which he was not prompt and efficient to give. I am sure we all regret that he is now encountering ill health and must retire from a work which he liked very much indeed. I join with Mr. Speaker in expressing the hope that retirement may prove of benefit to him.

Hon. H. S. BELAND (Minister of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment): Mr. Speaker, with the greatest of pleasure do I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the right hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Meighen) and Your Honour towards Mr. Todd. I remember in my younger days—and it is much longer ago than I care to admit—when I first came to this parliament, almost a quarter of a century ago, I frequently went to the library to read up various subjects and I found Mr. Todd ever ready to guide me in my uncertain steps toward knowledge. I express also, in the name of the government, regret at his being obliged to abandon the position which he has so highly honoured and the duties of which he has discharged with credit to himself, to the House of Commons and to parliament generally. The motion that you have read to the House, Sir, will, I have no doubt, be unanimously approved. It will be only a very feeble recognition of the eminent services rendered by this faithful servant.

Motion agreed to.

## MR. A. C. CAMPBELL

Mr. SPEAKER: As I said a moment ago, another veteran will leave us after this session. I refer to Mr. A. C. Campbell, Editor of Debates, who has been with us in the House of Commons for almost forty years; who was promoted from the press gallery to the floor of the House, and from the floor of the House he ascended further to the office of Editor of Debates. He has been a public spirited servant. He has the characteristics of his race, being a good Scotchman. He has always been most attentive to his duties and desirous of helping the members and of facilitating the business of the House of Commons itself. I regret that he has to leave, but while expressing that regret the House will learn with pleasure that he will be succeeded by way of promotion by one whom we all know and whom we all appreciate, one who also was a member of the press gallery for many years—I refer to Mr. George Simpson. Applying in this as in the other case the principle that the House of Commons asserts its authority over its officials it will therefore

[Mr. Meighen.]

be moved by Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Stewart (Argenteuil):

That Mr. A. C. Campbell, Editor of Debates, who has been in the service of the House since the year 1893, and is now in his sixty-eighth year, be granted six months' leave of absence with full pay from July 1, 1925, at the expiration of which he shall be superannuated and replaced by Mr. George Simpson, the present Associate Editor and Assistant Chief of Branch, under the provisions of the Civil Service Act, 1918, and amendments thereto.

Motion agreed to.

## SUPPLY

## TRADE AND COMMERCE

The House in committee of Supply, Mr. Gordon in the chair.

Trade and Commerce—inquiry re ocean freight rates—further amount required, \$25,000.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Mr. Chairman, I wish to take up a question raised by the hon. member for West York (Sir Henry Drayton) before six o'clock. Before entering upon what I have to say I am going to make a further request of the government, the granting of which will obviate the necessity of any further pressure or very unwelcome delay at this time of the session. It is merely this—and a more justifiable request I cannot conceive of—that the order of the House which was made on the 8th of June in response to a motion placed upon the order paper be complied with, before the session ends, say to-morrow morning, to the fullest extent that the government has the information. It is this:

The total expenses incurred by the special committee in its investigation into Ocean Rates, showing, (a) full amount paid to Mr. Symington in fees, (b) the amount in fees still due to Mr. Symington as counsel, (c) total amount paid and incurred for expenses to Mr. Symington, (d) the amount paid to each witness for fees and for expenses, (e) the amount paid or proposed to be paid to Sir William Petersen for fees, or, and, for expenses, (f) amount in full paid to W. T. R. Preston in fees or, and, for expenses since January, 1924; and all other expenses, including reporting and printing, incurred by the committee, or by the authority of the government.

How the government can resist this request I do not know.

Mr. LOW: We will not resist it at all. I assure my right hon. friend that I will give him to-morrow, before the day is over, the very fullest information that my department or any other department—inquiry will be made from all departments concerned—can furnish: Mr. Symington has not yet rendered his account, but I will be glad to give my right hon. friend an estimate to-morrow of what Mr. Symington's fees will probably total.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Will the minister transmit it to me by letter?