

the third time, but that the 4th clause thereof be struck out.

The motion was declared lost on a division.

The Bill then passed.

The Senate adjourned at 12.15 a.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Saturday, April 1st, 1893.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 11 a.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE SESSIONAL MESSENGERS' PAY.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—I find that since the Senate, upon my motion, struck out of the report of the Committee on Contingent Accounts the paragraph relating to the payment of the sessional messengers, the House of Commons have granted what might be termed a gratuity to their messengers and servants of 15 days' additional pay. Under the circumstances, with the consent of the House, I propose to move a reconsideration of the motion that was carried here, striking out that paragraph from the report of the Contingent Accounts Committee and substituting therefor words which will give to the messengers of the Senate 15 days' additional pay—the same amount that has been awarded to the messengers of the House of Commons. I move that the resolution adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, the 28th day of March inst., whereby the sixth paragraph of the report of the Committee on Contingent Accounts of the Senate was stricken out, be now reconsidered.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL moved that the sixth paragraph of the said report be amended by striking out \$250 and substituting therefor the words "\$2.50 per day for the session, and in addition thereto payment at the same rate for 15 days additional."

Hon. Mr. POWER—I am very glad that the leader of the Government has, to a certain extent, reconsidered his somewhat hasty action of the other day. My contention is, however, that it would have been

wiser to have adopted the report of the Committee as it stood originally. That provided that each sessional messenger should be paid \$250 for the session in accordance with the uniform practice of the House. The public would have known nothing about the matter. Now we are reaching about the same end, but the course that we are pursuing advertises to the public that we are paying these men for time during which they are not occupied here. The motion is a good one, but the way in which the thing is done is objectionable. It would have been better to have acted on the recommendation of the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—I quite accord with the views expressed by the hon. member from Halifax. I would be personally opposed to the principle of paying any sum to any person for work not performed, but I could not conceive it just or equitable to the messengers of this House, if that rule were departed from in the House of Commons, that our messengers should not receive as much as the employees of the other branch of Parliament. That is why I have made this motion to-day. I am not prepared to admit, however, that my action on the 28th March was even hasty or had not been fully considered.

The motion was agreed to.

DUTIES OF CUSTOMS ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL moved the third reading of Bill (126) "An Act further to amend the Act respecting the duties of Customs."

Hon. Mr. POWER—This Bill was allowed to stand over at my suggestion. I am thankful to the House for the courtesy extended to me. Probably this is not just the best time to go into a discussion of the tariff. I have no doubt if I were to make a speech of half an hour or so, and the hon. leader of the Government, or some other gentleman on that side, were to reply, that the hon. gentleman for Ottawa would speak for another hour or so. It would be very instructive, but it might interfere with the progress of the regular business.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—Suppose we pair off.