

hope the right hon. member will take note of the observations we are making in this House, and that next year the error will be corrected by the proper authority, by passing a resolution in the House of Commons to give effect to the resolution adopted in 1905.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—This Bill is not to increase salaries, but to increase the number of judges.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—My hon. friend is quite correct. The salaries had been increased, and I see this is merely to increase the number of judges.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—I quite agree with the remarks of the hon. member from Stadacona. I remember myself that Sir Charles Fitzpatrick when he was Minister of Justice, told the judges interested that it was a mistake that their salaries were not on the same basis as the salaries of the other rural judges, that the mistake was not his fault and that he would see that it was corrected. Really those judges are most reliable men, and there is no reason why their salaries should be \$500 less than the salaries of the other judges. Here is an opportunity to remedy that injustice. I hope that next session no time will be lost in doing justice to these judges. This Bill is for the purpose of increasing the number of judges in Ontario. I suppose the demand has been made by the local legislature. Why has not the demand of the Quebec legislature, made two or three years ago, to add two judges in Montreal and one in Quebec, not been acceded to before this? Some time ago there was a delegation from the Montreal bar, and a representation from the Attorney General for Quebec, asking in the interests of the better administration of justice, that three more judges should be appointed. I think a promise was made at the time that they should be appointed, but so far we have heard nothing more about it, and there are many complaints. It would give satisfaction to the people of Quebec if the government would yield to the demands of the Quebec legislature. I do not see why, when the government have deemed it proper to

grant the request of the Ontario legislature, they have not done the same thing for the Quebec legislature.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I am not aware what the reasons may be. There has been, as perhaps the hon. gentleman knows, owing to the mineral discoveries made in Ontario, a great rush of people to some districts in the northern part of the province within the last couple of years, and I understand it has been found necessary in consequence to appoint additional judges. In the older portions of the province there has been no increase in the number of judges, but I shall call the attention of the Minister of Justice to the remarks made by the hon. members from Stadacona and Grandville.

The motion was agreed to.

RENOVATION OF THE WALLS OF THE SENATE CHAMBER.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Before we adjourn it has been suggested that some representation should be made by the Senate to the Department of Public Works for the renovation of the walls of this Chamber. I do not know if there is any necessity for a resolution. If there be a necessity, I will ask the Clerk of the Senate to draft a resolution to read something like this:

That in the opinion of the Senate the lower walls of the Senate Chamber should be renovated, and, with that end in view, that his honour the Speaker and the chairman of committees be appointed a committee of two to call upon the government in connection therewith.

The motion was agreed to.

WATER-CARRIAGE OF GOODS BILL.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I hope that amongst the Bills the Commons are sending up to us to-morrow will be the measure respecting the water-carriage of goods.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—My hon. friend knows more about that than I do, probably.

Hon. Mr. GIBSON—It was removed from the Private Bills, and is now a public Bill before the House.

The Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow.