

Hon. Mr. POWER—That may be the hon. gentleman's personal opinion, but it is not parliamentary to refer in this chamber to the actions of members of the other chamber in that language.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Well then I withdraw it all.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time at length at the Table under a suspension of the rule.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL moved the third reading of the bill.

The motion was agreed to and the bill was read a third time and passed.

THE SENATE DEBATES.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE moved the adoption of the report of the Standing Committee on Reporting the Debates of the Senate. He said:—It is not necessary that I should enter into an explanation of this report. It contains nothing unusual. The object of the recommendations is to diminish the expense of the service. They called before the Committee the Reporters and the Superintendent of Printing, and after receiving suggestions from them, came to the conclusions embodied in the report. The Superintendent of Printing stated that the delay in transmitting the manuscript of the reports to the bureau occasioned a good deal of expense, because the printers were kept waiting for "copy." We recommend that the reporters furnish the manuscript within two hours after each sitting, and that the head messenger be ordered to forward those reports to the Printing Bureau without delay. The Printing Bureau is to supply galleys to the reporters, who will distribute them to the Senators for the purpose of enabling them to revise their speeches, and the Senators are to return those corrected galleys to the reporters within twenty-four hours. That limit of twenty-four hours will be strictly adhered to, and the expense will be greatly diminished if the members of the Senate will be prompt in returning the galleys with their corrections. Under the present system the daily issue contains a heading which occupies about one-third of the first page. In future this heading will be dispensed with, and only one edition of the reports

issued, because the unrevised form will be the galleys sent to the Senators. The Superintendent of Printing says that by doing away with this heading the expense will be considerably diminished.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—What is the cost of the service now?

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—I do not recollect, but the figures were put before the committee. I shall send for the figures if the hon. Senator desires. In view of the extra session which is to be held this year, the committee had a letter sent to the reporters asking them to make an agreement for the reporting, as the contract does not cover anything but the annual session. The reporters, in reply, stated that, not knowing how long the extra session would be, they could not make a definite proposition, but that they would leave the matter in the hands of the committee to settle what would be a reasonable price, taking into consideration the length of the session.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—Is there not an agreement for a summary report?

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—There is no reference to that in our report.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—Do we not pay for a summary report also?

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—During the present session we pay \$400, I believe, for a summary report. The gentleman who makes that report supplies it to twenty-eight newspapers, which generally publish, if not the whole of the summary, at least a part of it.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—I understand that the summary reports are furnished to certain newspapers which, however, do not undertake to print them?

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—They are not bound to publish the summary reports.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—They cut down the summaries. Under the circumstances, that expense might very properly be saved. The expense of reporting the debates of the Senate amounts already to a very large sum, and I do not think that these summary reports give very general satisfaction. I have no great reason to complain myself,