

PAIRS.

Messieurs.

Ministerial.	Opposition.
Carvell,	Clare,
Telford,	Tisdale,
Lavergne	Boyce,
(Drum. & Arth.),	
Guthrie,	Pringle,
Paterson,	Porter,
Borden	Bergeron.
(Sir Frederick),	
Tallot,	Leonard,
Bureau,	Forget,
Hall,	Wilmot,
Gordon,	Avery,
Knowles,	Lewis,
German,	Sproule,
Dyment,	Seagram,
McCarthy (Simcoe),	Osler,
Galliher,	Fowler,
Fardee.	Bristol.

Amendment negatived.

On motion of Mr. Barker, debate was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT—ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Before the House adjourns I would like to ask the Prime Minister when the committees will be organized. I do not think they have yet been called together for organization purposes and there is work ready for one of them.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. It is not usual to organize the committees pending the debate on the address, but immediately after the conclusion of the debate they will be organized.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I heard some suggestion of that kind and looked it up in 'May' this evening. I found the opposite rule prevails in Great Britain; the work does go on.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I understand for my part that the rule does prevail in this House.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I did not know that such a rule applied, but if it does, of course it should be observed.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. It is true that usually the debate has not lasted for such a long period as it has this session, but as a rule the committees are not organized until the address has been adopted.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I did not look up precedents, but I remember in one session, about 1898, the debate lasted for about four weeks, in respect to a proposed railroad to the Yukon. The Prime Minister will no doubt remember.

Mr. FIELDING. Were the committees organized?

Mr. PAQUET.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I did not look it up, but I did look up the practice in Great Britain, and I find they have no such rule there.

Mr. FIELDING. I think it is a custom rather than a rule in our parliament.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 1907.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Two o'clock.

COPYRIGHT ACT—AMENDMENT.

Mr. A. C. MACDONELL (South Toronto) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 28) to amend the Copyright Act. He said: This Bill I presented last session, but it did not get beyond the second reading. It is a very short amendment to the Copyright Act, and proposes simply to shorten and simplify the notice of copyright to be attached to any publication. It proposes to substitute the words 'Copyrighted, Canada, year.....; by.....,' instead of the formula 'Entered according to Act of the parliament of Canada, in the year....., by....., at the Department of Agriculture.' This is a formula which defaces some publications, such as art post cards, and is besides very lengthy.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

THE FISHERIES ACT—AMENDMENT.

Mr. J. H. SINCLAIR (Guysborough) moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Fisheries Act. He said: Under the law a fishery officer is ex officio a justice of the peace and has power to try fishery cases. In various parts of the country there is a common complaint that these officers are apt to make up their minds that some one has committed an offence against the Fishery Act. The officer lays the complaint before himself, then summons the defendant to appear before him. The officer is therefore the complainant and the judge. I am proposing to take away this jurisdiction and compel such cases to be brought before a stipendiary magistrate or justice of the peace.

Mr. SPEAKER. Stand.

DOMINION ELECTIONS ACT—AMENDMENT.

Mr. A. C. MACDONELL (South Toronto) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 29) to amend the Dominion Elections Act. He said: This Bill in part proposes to re-enact