

P. C. 748, dated 13th April, 1915, with reference to institution of the ratings of rangetaker first and second class in the Royal Canadian Navy.

P. C. 58-1470, dated 24th June, 1915, with reference to increase in amount of Separation Allowance to a motherless child from 3s. to 5s.

P. C. 85-1158, dated 20th May, 1915, with reference to revision of amounts payable on account of Separation Allowance to dependents of Royal Canadian Naval Permanent Ratings.

P. C. 756, dated 13th April, 1915, with reference to payment of Allowances to officers of the Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, — performance of duties which carry with them an Allowance to officers of the Royal Canadian Navy.

On motion of Sir George Foster, the House adjourned at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18, 1916.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

ABOLITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BILL.

CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT.

Mr. ROBERT BICKERDIKE (Montreal, St. Lawrence) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, to amend the Criminal Code.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. BICKERDIKE: Mr. Speaker, I have explained this Bill so often that I hope this will be the last time it will be necessary to explain it. If this Bill becomes law, it will have for effect the abolishing of legalized murder in Canada, and also of largely reducing the number of homicides and all other crimes in this young country of ours. It will also have the effect of making convictions for crime much less difficult, as juries will not hesitate to bring in verdicts of "guilty" when they are sure, if a mistake has been made, there will be time for the prisoners to prove their innocence; while if the law continues as at present, juries will hesitate to bring in verdicts of "guilty" in murder cases.

An hon. MEMBER: But explain the Bill.

Mr. BICKERDIKE: The Bill will do away with that evil.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

THE LATE SIR CHARLES TUPPER, BART.

On the Orders of the Day:

Sir ROBERT BORDEN moved:

That a committee composed of Sir Robert Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir George Foster, the Hon. Geo. P. Graham, and Mr. R. B. Bennett, be appointed to prepare a resolution of condolence on the death of the Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., G.C.M.G., and report the same with all convenient speed.

Motion agreed to.

REPORTS AND PAPERS.

Report of the Department of Customs for the year ended March 31, 1915.—Hon. J. D. Reid.

Printed copies of proclamations, orders in council and documents relating to the European war, compiled by the Department of the Secretary of State; also supplementary copies of proclamations, orders in council and documents relating to the same subject compiled by the Department of the Secretary of State; also a list of the orders in council which have been passed between the 29th April, 1915 and the 12th January, 1916.—Sir Robert Borden.

CANADA'S SHARE OF WAR EXPENDITURE.

Hon. WM. PUGSLEY: I desire to ask my hon. friend the Minister of Finance (Sir Thomas White) if he will kindly lay on the table of the House, or if he can give now, information in a concise manner as to the arrangement between the Government of Canada and the British Government as to what proportion of the expense in connection with the carrying on of the war, in so far as Canadian soldiers are concerned, is to be borne by the Government of Canada. I desire to know whether all the expense of ammunition, guns, equipment, etc., is to be borne by the Government of Canada, or what the arrangement is.

Sir THOMAS WHITE (Minister of Finance): The matter will be dealt with probably by my right hon. friend the Prime Minister in introducing the war Appropriation Bill, which will provide means for continuing our participation in the war, or, if not, by myself in the Budget Speech, which will be made at a later date. In a general way, I may say to my hon. friend that the Government of Canada is bearing the entire expense of Canada's participation in the war. There will necessarily be certain accounts which cannot be adjusted until the war is over, or until a later