

bridge, and approaches to the brige of solid earth embankment. The work to be commenced after date of contract, October, 1900. To be completed April, 1892. It is a schedule contract and the amount to be paid depends on the quantity of work done. 3. No, it has not been finally located. 4. No other contract has yet been awarded, but there need be no delay in prosecuting the work as soon as the location is settled, as the work is identical in character with the first section, and the tenders received were for schedule prices for that work.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Hon. Mr. MILLS moved that when the House adjourns to-day it stand adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock. He said: That will give time to consider the report with respect to the organization of committees, and we can meet at three o'clock again as usual, and have a second sitting. That will enable us to get through with everything before us to-morrow in the afternoon, if the House agrees to that.

Hon. Mr. DeBOUCHERVILLE—We do not gain anything by that.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—Yes, we gain a day, so that our adjournment may take place to-morrow for a period, without meeting the day following.

Hon. Mr. DeBOUCHERVILLE—We are obliged to suspend the rule in any case, and we may as well suspend it now as to-morrow. At eleven o'clock we will not have had time to consider this report.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I will see that it is printed in good time.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—It will not take five minutes for any member of the committee to point out to the House where the changes which have been made, and upon what committees the new members of the Senate have been placed. The question raised by the hon. gentleman from Marquette (Mr. Watson) is the continuation of members on the committees, who, he says, do not attend very often, while other members, himself, I presume, among the number, desire to be placed on certain committees. The Committee on Selection did not feel inclined to adopt to any extent the

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principle which he lays down. There is a certain amount of respect, at least, due to old members of the Senate, who have been on certain committees for a great many years, and I think, after an examination of the report itself, which has been made by the Secretary of State, it will be found that the new members of the Senate have been placed on committees which the Standing Committee thought they were most fitted for. We have had prominent gentlemen appointed to the Senate, who have had large commercial and financial experience. They have been put on some of the principal committees, and for the reason that I have indicated. The Secretary of State might read to the House the changes which have been made, or I could do it if he desires it, for I have them all in the book before me—but as chairman of the committee he should do it. I am under the impression that not only the old members of the House, but the new members who have just taken their seats, will find that they have been treated liberally in placing them upon certain committees. If we are to discuss the question as to whether a gentleman who may happen to be ill to-day and not likely, perhaps, to be here for a week or two weeks, is to be, I might say, ignominiously expelled from a committee, I am not prepared to adopt that principle, nor do I think any one who has any feeling for his fellow man would suggest such a thing. There is an implication in the hon. gentleman's remarks that too much leniency had been shown to some members, and injustice done to certain new members. Most members of the Committee on Selection were old members of the Senate, and acted in the interest of the Senate, and with due respect to their fellow senators with whom they have been associated so long.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I have the list here, and looking it over, I find that what occurred last session will occur this session. It was found necessary last session to add certain members to the committees to get a quorum. I fear, as the committees stand in this report, the same thing will occur this session. I have great respect for old age; nevertheless, there is a time when members cannot attend regularly to the duties of active committee work, and my idea is that