

ments, and recommending the abolition of other offices in which report it was also urged that vacancies should not be filled up without the previous sanction of the House, and that no addition should be made to the salaries of officers or attendants, except as a temporary substitution in case of illness, and no addition whatever to be made to salaries without the previous sanction by resolution or order of the House.

Mr. McClelan said that as one member of the Committee who had assisted in preparing this report, he felt that the leading object to be obtained was the enunciation of correct principles in arranging a new programme, and the assertion of all the rights properly appertaining to this branch of this, the first Parliament of the Dominion; and having now defined its power and privileges, it would not be desirable to employ an entirely new staff of officials. Those already found performing the duties efficiently might with propriety be retained, so far as they might be found to be needed, and with such remuneration as was commensurate with their respective labours, having due regard to that principle of economy so generally recognized by honourable members. He felt

much gratified that the debate elicited by the presentation of this preliminary report, clearly indicated the feeling of the Senate and the policy of the Government on several important points: that the system of granting pensions should be restricted to Ontario and Quebec, and that subordinate officers of the former Legislature of Canada who had become inefficient, shall not have any claim whatever on this United Parliament. The Government were no doubt compelled to provide, and maintain, a temporary staff of officials to meet the exigencies of the period since the date of the last Union, but in doing this, they had acted on their own responsibility, and such arrangements could only last until the meeting of Parliament. He hoped the honourable member who spoke so well in both languages in support of the action of the Committee would consent to the withdrawal of the motion to postpone, and by sustaining the whole report, empower the Committee to proceed with their further recommendations as to defining duties and apportioning salaries, etc.

The Report was then adopted and the House adjourned.
