

Another way would be to simply strike out the name of Mr. C. H. Jones in the second paragraph of this report; and in order to put the matter straight I make that motion in amendment. The motion would then read:

That the recommendations with respect to Mr. Byron Nicholson be adopted, provided that such adoption shall not be held to constitute a precedent.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I must confess I do not know what that recommendation is.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—The present report deals with the recommendation of the Speaker, given on page 452 of the Minutes, and the immediate way of dealing with it, I submit, would be to strike out the words, "Mr. C. H. Jones and" in the motion as it stands—

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—Supposing this motion is carried, would the hon. leader of the Opposition kindly explain to the House what would be the different duties of Mr. Jones and Mr. Lelièvre?

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—The position, as I understand it, then, would be that, having already adopted the 6th report of the Internal Economy Committee, which appointed Mr. Jones to succeed Mr. Soutter, as Clerk of the Minutes, and Mr. Siméon Lelièvre, second clerk assistant, to act as Clerk of Petitions, and Clerk of Committee on Standing Orders; there would be a division of duties.

The motion agreed to.

Hon. Mr. LEGRIS—I move in amendment to that motion that the 10th report of the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts be not accepted, but that the recommendations made and presented to this House on the 9th of this month, and signed by the Clerk of the Senate, and by His Hon. the Speaker of the Senate, be accepted and adopted as they stand.

The SPEAKER—I declared the motion carried. The hon. gentleman must wait until the 3rd paragraph has been considered.

Hon. Mr. LEGRIS—I was on my feet before the motion was put, and I think the Speaker was too hasty in declaring the motion carried.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—It has been decided already to take up this report, section by section, and that is what we are doing. The amendment would not be in order.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK.

Hon. Mr. THOMPSON—We have already adopted the 2nd paragraph.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The motion of the hon. gentleman from Repentigny (Hon. Mr. Legris) is altogether irregular. In the first place the hon. gentleman's motion proposes to rescind the action taken by this House on two occasions, first, when we referred this report of His Hon. the Speaker to the Committee on Internal Economy, and then again, when we decided to deal with the report now under consideration clause by clause; and it is perfectly clear that you cannot, in the middle of the consideration of the report, propose that we shall adopt, in place of this report, some other report which is contrary to the previous decisions of the House. I have the greatest respect for the opinion of the hon. gentleman from Repentigny, but I must say that that would be a most irregular proceeding.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The motion made by the hon. gentleman, perhaps with a slight change, is quite in order. He could move that the third paragraph of this report be not concurred in, but that it be referred back to the committee for further consideration.

Hon. Mr. POWER—That would be all right.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I understood his amendment was to send the whole report back. We have concurred in the first two paragraphs. The hon. gentleman could make a motion that the third recommendation be not accepted, but that it be referred back to the committee with instructions to do so-and-so.

Hon. Mr. THOMPSON—No objection to doing that.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The opponents of that report have been caught in a trap. Now the friends of the report are protesting against the amending of their report clause by clause. The trap was clear to me, but I would not be caught in it. The hon. gentleman from Repentigny (Hon. Mr. Legris) is perfectly within his rights in moving the amendment to the second clause, and when he states on the floor of the House that he was on his feet in time to move it, in spite of the decision of the Chair, I say he was right, because I was looking at both of them.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—At the one time?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Yes, I have two eyes. If the hon. gentleman from