

messengers. I think the Committee should recommend that any member who wishes to get this Ready Reference might have it in the place of stationery. This is just one of those cases which we often have of hon. gentlemen trying to do a good turn for their friends outside at the public expense instead of doing it at their own.

Hon. Mr. READ—My recollection is that the price is only 80 cents a copy.

Hon. Mr. McCLELAN—I understood that the feeling of the committee was that it was not important to lawyers, who were supposed to know all about the law already, but that it might be useful to laymen.

Hon. Mr. VIDAL—Although a member of that committee, in my judgment, they have gone entirely outside of their duties and powers in making a recommendation of this sort. As a Printing Committee, we are called upon to judge of the propriety of printing documents submitted to the House, and I do not think it comes within the duties of that committee to make grants. It appears to me that that should be left to the Committee on Contingent Accounts, or at any rate, to some other committee than the Joint Committee of both Houses on Printing.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN—It ought to come before the Library Committee.

Hon. Mr. GOWAN—It was referred to the Hon. Mr. Power and myself. Hon. Mr. Power did not quite agree with me, but I appeared before the Committee and represented the point wherein we differed. At the same time, I was able to bear testimony as to the usefulness of the book, not so much to a lawyer as to a layman, and being somewhat familiar with the Statutes for many years, I recognized the value of this book. It is just the plan I adopted myself years ago, and it is a good means for any one, whether a gentleman learned in the law, or a layman, to keep track of the Statutes as they pass, and I very strongly recommend the purchase of the book. The committee were unanimous in recommending it.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—I take the same view as my hon. friend from Halifax. I do not consider it of much value for laymen. Lawyers, of course, would keep altering it to

meet the amendments in legislation, but you could hardly suppose a layman could do that. Without these amendments it would be useless as a guide. I said last session that I did not think the Printing Committee had a right to vote or recommend the granting of money for any purpose. There are other gentlemen, I believe, who have written a guide to the Statutes just as meritorious as this one, but for some reason, of which I am not aware, this one is recommended by the Committee. I think all the members who want it should buy it for themselves.

The motion was agreed to.

CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILL.

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

A Message from the House of Commons was received with Bill 27 "An Act to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act."

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL moved the suspension of the rule as regards this Bill, and that the Bill be read the second time.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I shall object to the rule being suspended any further than permitting the second reading. I do not object to the second reading.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

BILL INTRODUCED.

A Message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (123): "An Act respecting the Voters' Lists of 1893."

The Bill was read the first time.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE—I would like to know when I may expect the returns to my motion with reference to the Experimental Farm.

Hon. Mr. ANGERS—I am surprised that the hon. gentleman has not received this yet. I have often applied for it, and I think the delay is due to the absence of some of the officers of the Department, but I shall be willing to show it to the hon. gentleman in case it should not be laid on the Table before the House closes.

The House adjourned at 12.15 p.m.