

HON. MR. READ—It is simply to give him a standing, and his duties remain as before.

THE SENATE DEBATES.

SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ADOPTED.

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE moved the adoption of the second report of the Committee on Reporting and Publishing the Debates of the Senate. He said: There are three recommendations in the report. The first is that the Debates be bound in two volumes this year, instead of one. It is expected that the report will extend to fourteen or fifteen hundred pages, and it would be too cumbersome if bound in one volume. The second is that an additional appropriation be asked for in order to meet the expense of printing, the appropriation voted last session being expended. The third is to grant the reporters, in addition to their contract price, a sum of \$1,000, in consequence of the unusual length of the session. They receive, in addition to the bulk sum of their contract, for every page above a certain number, the sum of \$3.50. This has not given them any profit during the past twelve weeks, owing to the character of the session. The amount which is here recommended is to recompense them for the length of the session. It will place them on the same footing as they will be under the new contract.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—Does the hon. gentleman say that out of the \$3.50 which they receive, they have no profit?

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE—They have no profit after paying for the printing, and expenses of their office.

The motion was agreed to.

INLAND REVENUE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

IN COMMITTEE.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (146), "An

Act to amend the Consolidated Inland Revenue Act 1883."

In the Committee,

On the 9th clause,

HON. MR. TRUDEL—This clause is less objectionable because of the amendments which have been added to it, but still I think it does not give satisfaction. The Minister of Justice has no doubt seen a petition which was signed by the whole trade of Montreal. I think there was no exception. The Bill was considered to favor to a great extent those who have large capital, and it is alleged that even with the amendment which has been made it does not put the new distilleries in a very favorable position. I was told that this provision was imported from Sweden: that a limitation was put on the sale, and the Government advanced to the manufacturers a certain percentage of the value of their goods in order not to interfere with their capital. Now, there is another consideration: this provision is made for the reason that some deleterious articles which are in the spirit disappear in the course of one or two years. By a chemical process this end can be attained, and then this amendment would have no reason to exist at all. I promised some of the parties interested to state the facts.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—My hon. friend, I think, either wrote or spoke to me about it before.

HON. MR. TRUDEL—Yes, I communicated to the hon. gentleman a petition signed by the whole trade in Montreal.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—In consequence of objections to the clause as it originally stood the amendments were made in the House of Commons, and I understood the trade of Montreal were satisfied. As to the same effect being produced on the liquor by some chemical process as is produced by keeping it two years, I am disposed to think that that is not correct. I know there is some process by which they can take away the greater part of the fusil oil, but the effect of age is not given and the liquor is