

reason for altering the rules is that circumstances change. The volume of business, the methods of transacting business, have all changed somewhat during the past few years. Hon. gentlemen should recognize the fact that it is desirable that our rules should be revised. I do not need to labour that at all; and in making this motion, I have followed the precedent established in 1894, when the hon. gentleman who now leads the opposition led the House. I have practically adopted the wording of his resolution, and I have also inserted in the resolution the names of all those gentlemen now in this House who were on the committee which was appointed on the motion of the hon. leader of the opposition. The committee is the same in number as the committee which the hon. gentleman moved for, and the names are as far as practicable, also the same. Of course there has been such a very marked change in the personnel of the Senate during the last eleven years, that it has been necessary to insert several new names. I may say that these names have not been inserted haphazard, but the effort has been to insert the names of gentlemen who have experience and who have devoted particular attention to the subject of our rules.

The SPEAKER—Before putting the motion, I should like to draw attention to the fact that the name of the Speaker appears among the names of members of the committee. As the increasing of the powers of the Speaker may be discussed, I thought it proper that the Speaker should not be on that committee.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The Speaker is more interested in the rules than almost any one else.

Hon. Mr. POIRIER—I have the honour to move in amendment that the names of Senator David and Senator Landry be added to those mentioned in the motion.

Hon. Mr. POWER—There is no objection.

The SPEAKER—Then the motion should read with those two names added.

Hon. Mr. JONES—Is it the intention that this committee shall have power to make additions to the Rules, Orders, Forms, &c., and that that will be a final decision?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Oh, no; the report of the committee has to be adopted by the Senate.

Hon. Mr. JONES—As I read the motion that appears to be the intention. They are to report what they do; but they are herein given power, it appears to me, 'to consider and revise, and if deemed necessary to add to the Rules, Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Senate.' That would seem to take it away from the Senate.

Some hon. GENTLEMEN—Oh, no.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—The procedure will be that they will have to report to the House, and then the House will have to be specially convened to consider the report. Special notice must be given.

The motion as amended was adopted.

A PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It has been usual, after the committees have been struck and are ready for work to take an adjournment. There has been a very generally expressed wish on the part of the Senate that the adjournment should be about the average length of adjournments on occasions of this kind. I therefore give notice that I shall move to-morrow that when this House adjourns it do stand adjourned until Wednesday, February 8.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I think I express the sentiments of the majority of the House when I say that the adjournment should be early in the session and as long as possible, to suit the convenience of those who live a long distance from the Capital. I would therefore suggest that the adjournment be for three weeks from Tuesday next. There is not much work before parliament this session, and the session is likely to last until some time in May.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—If this is to be a short session we surely cannot adjourn for a whole month, because that is practically what the hon. gentleman's suggestion means. I cannot go beyond the time I have mentioned.

The Senate adjourned.