

Sir THOMAS WHITE: I shall not present the Bill now. There have been some slight changes made in the committee, and I will present the Bill on Thursday.

DOMINION LOAN—\$75,000,000.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: I desire, with the consent of the House, to call attention to Order No. 17:

Second reading of Bill No. 60, an Act to authorize the raising, by way of loan, of certain sums of money for the public service.

The House was good enough to-day to facilitate the second and third readings of this Bill. By an oversight the Bill did not contain the provision of the resolution limiting the amount to be borrowed to \$75,000,000. The House will recall that the provision in the resolution provided for the borrowing of an amount not exceeding \$75,000,000. The result of the mistake, purely a printer's error, is that the amount is left out of the Bill which passed its second and third readings to-day. I therefore, by leave of the House, desire to move:

That the rules of the House be suspended in order that the third reading and passing of Bill No. 60, intitled an Act to authorize the raising, by way of loan, of certain sums of money for the public service, given this day, be rescinded, and that the said Bill may again be placed upon the orders for the third reading forthwith.

This is for the purpose of correcting the error.

Mr. GRAHAM: Certainly, it will be the pleasure of the House, I imagine, to adopt the motion; but it must impress the House with the wisdom of the rules and the great danger that always is imminent if these rules are violated even by consent. It is a dangerous thing to rush legislation through the House in violation of the rules, which have been created by the mother of Parliaments for the protection of the public and in order that every facility may be afforded for investigation, discussion and scrutiny. If we had prorogued without this having been detected, it might have necessitated the calling of a special session of Parliament in order that this loan might be effected. Certainly, we are in favour of the resolution going through.

Motion agreed to.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: I beg to move:

That the third reading of Bill No. 60 be rescinded and that the said Bill be forthwith placed on the orders for the third reading.

Motion agreed to.

[Mr. McCrea.]

Sir THOMAS WHITE: I beg to move that Bill No. 60 be referred back to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

Motion agreed to.

The House in committee on Bill No. 60, to authorize the raising, by way of loan, of certain sums of money for the public service.—Sir Thomas White; Mr. Rhodes in the Chair.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: I beg to move:

That clause 2 be amended as follows: by inserting after the word "required," in the eighth line of the said clause, the following words: "not to exceed in the whole the sum of \$75,000,000."

Motion agreed to, Bill reported, read the third time, and passed.

FRENCH-CANADIANS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

On the Order for resuming from February 23, the adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Boulay:

That in the opinion of this House, Canadians of the French language should hold positions in the employ of the Intercolonial railway, and in the public service of Canada, in proportion to their number in the country; and that it is urgent and in the public interest that all civil servants holding higher offices, and drawing salaries of \$2,000 and over, should understand the two official languages of this country, and that no official in the said service should be admitted into the civil service in future unless he can fulfil such conditions.

Mr. ROGERS: The debate was adjourned, I believe, on motion of the hon. member for l'Islet (Mr. Paquet), and, as he is not here, we had better let this stand. We have done a pretty good day's work.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the House adjourned at 10.27 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22, 1916.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

QUESTIONS.

[Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.]

MUNITIONS INSPECTORS.

Mr. CARVELL:

1. By whom were the inspectors of shells and munitions appointed prior to the 1st day of December last past?

2. Was any of such inspection done by the Canadian Inspection Company?