

THE DEBATES

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THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, April 28th, 1885.

The Speaker took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OF THE DOMINION.

ORDER POSTPONED.

The order of the day having been read, that he (Mr. Alexander) will call attention to the present state of the Public Affairs of the Dominion, and will ask the Government how they propose to remedy existing evils?

HON. MR. ALEXANDER said: At the request of different hon. members of this House, I would ask permission to postpone this motion until Friday, 1st May.

The motion was agreed to, and the order of the day was discharged, and fixed for Friday next.

THE SENATE DEBATES.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE moved the adoption of the first report of the select committee on the reporting of the Debates and Proceedings of the Senate. He said: Before proposing the adoption of the report I wish to call the attention of the House to a difference in the French and English versions of this report. In

the English version—in the eighth clause in the tender of the Messrs. Holland—it is stated that for every page after the 600 pages they are to receive \$2.50; in the French version it is stated as being \$3.50. The arrangement actually made is for \$2.50. Therefore, this error must be corrected.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—The French is to be corrected.

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE—We propose an increase in the rate to be paid to the contractors; but on the other hand, we have arranged that instead of a minimum of 500 pages, it will be 600. Instead of paying \$3.50 for every page extra it shall be only \$2.50, and, in addition, the reporters are to arrange with the proprietors of the *Citizen* and *Free Press* to report and publish a synopsis of the Debates in this House in their daily issues. I simply move the adoption of the report.

The motion was agreed to and the report was adopted.

THE COX DIVORCE BILL.

THIRD READING.

HON. MR. READ moved the adoption of the report of the select committee to whom was referred Bill (H), "An Act for the relief of George Brantford Cox." He said: The evidence is now before the House and it is so conclusive that I think there can be no doubt in anybody's mind that the conclusion arrived at by the committee was a proper one. If necessary, the adoption of the report can be postponed for a day or two, as the evidence