

Coleman Gillespie, whom it is proposed to appoint as pages in the Senate, under section 22 of the Civil Service Amendment Act, 1908. In reply, I beg to say that in the opinion of the Commissioners the employment of seasonal help either as clerks or in subordinate positions does not come under the operation of the Act in question, and that no reference to the Commission is, therefore, necessary in the matter of such appointments.

I may add that this view is concurred in by the Deputy Minister of Justice.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
WM. FORAN,
Secretary.

So that it would be quite open to have such a resolution dealing with it in the manner suggested at a later date. In the meantime I will submit the present motion to the House.

The motion was agreed to.

THE RESTAURANT COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I move that the second and final report of the Joint Committee on the Restaurant be adopted, and that the following hon. gentlemen be appointed as the committee: His Honour the Speaker, Hon. Messrs. Campbell, Watson, Loughheed and Landry.

Hon. Mr. POWER—Before the motion is put to the House, I should like to know whether all the hon. gentlemen whose names have been mentioned as members of the committee take their meals at the restaurant, because that is an important matter.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I am not clear on that; if the hon. gentleman will allow his question to stand.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—This committee was appointed for the purpose of acting as a joint committee with the committee of the other House, and they should, as soon as possible, be in a position to do business, and for that reason it is desirable that the motion should be carried now. I think all the hon. gentlemen named, up to the present, take their meals at the restaurant.

Hon. Mr. POIRIER—Or somewhere else.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Or somewhere else.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned till Thursday, February 25, at three o'clock.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Thursday, February 25, 1909.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bill (No. 6) An Act to amend the Railway Act.—(Hon. Mr. Ellis).

Bill (No. 8) An Act to amend the Dominion Lands Act.—(Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright).

Bill (No. 9) An Act respecting the Brandon Transfer Railway Company.—(Hon. Mr. Young).

Bill (No. 10) An Act respecting the Brazilian Electro Steel and Smelting Company, Limited.—(Hon. Mr. Kirchhoffer.)

Bill (No. 11) An Act to incorporate the Canada Western Railway Company.—(Hon. Mr. Watson).

Bill (No. 12) An Act respecting the Collingwood Southern Railway Company.—(Hon. Mr. McMullen).

Bill (No. 13) An Act respecting the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.—(Hon. Mr. Gibson).

Bill (No. 14) An Act respecting the Huron and Ontario Railway Company.—(Hon. Mr. Ratz).

Bill (No. 15) An Act respecting the Mexican Land and Irrigation Company, Limited.—(Hon. Mr. Kirchhoffer).

Bill (No. 18) An Act to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act.—(Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright).

Bill (No. 19) An Act to amend the Post Office Act.—(Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright)

Bill (No. 20) An Act to amend the Government Railways Act.—(Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright).

Bill (No. 21) An Act to amend the Railway Act.—(Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright).