

Hon. Mr. BEIQUÉ—Yes.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Has the committee met to consider the question of the debates, upon the resolution moved by the hon. gentleman from Halifax?

Hon. Mr. BEIQUÉ—The committee met this morning, but they considered it was almost impossible to take up the matter, it being too late in the session, with the committee of the House of Commons. The committee is afraid it will have to be deferred until the beginning of next session.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Could the hon. gentlemen tell the Senate what the cost of the press summary has been for this eight months session, based upon the report of this committee?

Hon. Mr. BEIQUÉ—It is easy to figure the amount. It is costing for the English reporter \$40 a week, and \$15 for the French. Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—That makes \$55 a week, whether we are sitting or not. That includes all the adjournments.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Is the hon. gentleman not in error when he says \$40 a week? Hon. Mr. BEIQUÉ—I think not. Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The report mentions \$40, but I understand it is \$50.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUÉ—I will give the answer more precisely when the matter is taken up.

DELAYED RETURNS.

The notice of inquiry being called:

By Hon. Mr. LANDRY:

When does the government think that it will be able to lay on the table of this House the following documents, the production of which was ordered during the present session, at the dates mentioned:—
(a) The statement indicating the amounts spent on the Deschambault wharf—4th February?
(b) The correspondence exchanged between the Department of Militia and Lt. Col. Davidson re the latter's dismissal and the promotion of Sir Henry Pellatt to the rank of colonel—14th February?
(c) The statement showing what was the daily pay of the soldiers of the company No. 2 of the Ottawa Field Battery in 1865 and 1866—17th March?

was accruing to him of the enjoyment of a judicial pension, as the Railway Act made no provision for such pension. The object of the section is to provide that the time previously served by a commissioner as judge shall count on his pension as commissioner or assistant commissioner. The period is also reduced from fifteen years to twelve years. That is to say, if a judge having served two years is appointed chief or assistant commissioner and serves ten years as such, the aggregate period of twelve years will entitle him to the same superannuation as if he had remained judge for fifteen years.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was passed through its final stages.

SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Bill (210) 'An Act to amend the North-west Territories Act.—Hon. Mr. Scott.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Friday, July 17, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at eleven o'clock a.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEBATES AND REPORTING.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUÉ presented the report of the Committee on Debates and Reporting of the Senate and moved its adoption. He said: This is the usual report always made at the end of the session with regard to the reporter who furnishes the synopsis of the proceedings to the press.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Are we not proceeding a little rapidly in adopting the report now? Could we not concur in it this evening?

Hon. Mr. BEIQUÉ—It is continuing the same arrangement with the special reporter as last year, including the arrangement with the French reporter at the rate of \$15 per week, as was done during the present session.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I suppose that all here is a repetition of the report adopted last year; and what is written is new.