

one. As it is now, the Committee on Standing Orders is authorized to take into consideration all the business that comes before it, even without any special reference from the House, and it was found exceedingly inconvenient that the Committee on Internal Economy, which has to deal with circumstances coming up day after day, should not have the right to deal with any little question, the conduct of a page or messenger, or putting a latch on a door without a special reference from the Senate. This resolution, if adopted, does not interfere with the right of His Honour the Speaker to make recommendations to the House. That right is based on the statute, and any regulations we might choose to make, or any report we might adopt could not override the statute, so that there is, really, no substantial objection to the thing at all.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC—If the resolution has no value, it would be just as well to drop it.

Hon. Mr. POWER—It has value. It enables the committee to deal with small matters that come up every little while, and then the resolution provides that the committee shall report to the Senate, so that there is no fear that the rights of the Senate or of anybody will be interfered with.

The SPEAKER—In looking over the Minutes of Proceedings of the Senate I find on page 14:

The Honourable Mr. Lougheed moved, seconded by the Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

That pursuant to Rule 77, the following Senators: The Honourable Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the Honourable Messieurs Gibson, Beique, Power, Watson, Casgrain, Ross (Moosejaw) Daniel and the mover be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate Senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present session; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the Senators so nominated.

The report now before us contains the work that is to be done by the different committees, and reports the names of members of the different committees, and the following is added:

That the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts when appointed be authorized to meet when and as often as it may deem necessary and, without special reference, to inquire into and report upon such matters connected with the internal economy of the Senate as it may think in the interest of the House.

In my opinion, this is an addition to the report of the committee, outside of the ref-

erence given by this House. May, at page 546, says:

It is a clear and indisputable principle of Parliamentary law that a committee is bound by, and is not at liberty to depart from, the order of reference.

Therefore, in my opinion, this part of the report of the committee is not in order.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I do not raise any difficulty in the matter. It is not worth fighting about, but I give notice that, when the report is adopted without this paragraph, I shall move that this resolution be added at the next sitting.

The SPEAKER—Do I understand that that part is left out of it?

Hon. Mr. POWER—Yes.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until three o'clock to-morrow.

THE SENATE

Ottawa, Friday, January 23, 1914.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW POST OFFICE AT KAMLOOPS.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK inquired:

That he will inquire of the Government if a site has been decided upon for the new post office at Kamloops? If so, what is the location of the site?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—There has been no decision as yet.

THE INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. POWER moved:

That the Standing Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts be authorized to meet when and as often as it may deem necessary and, without special reference, to inquire into and report upon such matters connected with the internal economy of the Senate as it may think in the interest of the House.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I explained yesterday briefly why this motion was proposed. It was adopted nem. con. by the Striking Committee and it is this: that there are numerous matters which are coming up from day to day, with which the committee