

land. If that be the case, I should not object at all.

Hon. Mr. GIBSON—I move the suspension of rule 24.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—I object to it.

The SPEAKER—Is there any objection to the suspension of the rule?

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—Yes.

Hon. Mr. GIBSON—Then I move that the report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

The motion was agreed to.

THE RULES OF THE SENATE.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I should like to know when we will be put in possession of the French edition of the rules of the Senate. That edition was prepared before we left Ottawa last summer and was accepted by this House.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—Does the hon. gentleman refer to the report of the special committee appointed to revise the translation?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Yes. They reported and their report was accepted on the last day of the session. I take this opportunity to ask if we could not also have a copy of the rules of the House of Commons for each member of the Senate. Their rules have been changed and the old rules with which we are now supplied are no longer of any use.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The request is a reasonable one, and attention having been called to it I will see that it is complied with. I am advised that the rules are not ready for distribution, but I will see that they are. The Senate rules, I understand, have been in print for some time; I do not know why they have not been bound and distributed. Very often at the Printing Bureau they wait until some one gives a direct order, what they call 'approving of the translation.' I shall make inquiry about it and see that it is done.

Hon. Mr. De BOUCHERVILLE—I would suggest that copies of the rules of the Senate be distributed to members of the House of Commons.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Friday, November 30, 1906.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

HARBOUR COMMISSION OF MONTREAL.

INQUIRY.

The Order of the Day being called :

By the Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE :

That he will inquire of the government—

1. Has the government taken cognizance of the following article published in 'La Patrie,' of Montreal, the date of 6th October last :—

Montreal Harbour Commission.

The 'Herald' yesterday published the following despatch :—

Ottawa, 5.—Honourable J. I. Tarte has been mentioned as the probable chairman of the new commission for the administration of Montreal harbour. It is understood on the best of authority that Mr. Tarte will not be named for this position. The man who is to fill the place has not been chosen, but it is not to be Mr. Tarte.

Mr. Tarte has already, some days ago, informed the members of the cabinet with whom he was in communication, that he could not accept the chairmanship of the new Harbour Commission that had been offered to him.

2. Is it true that the government or any minister thereof offered the Honourable J. I. Tarte the chairmanship of the new Harbour Commission of Montreal?

3. Is it true that Mr. Tarte informed the government or the member of the cabinet with whom he was in communication that he could not accept that position?

4. Who are the members of the cabinet with whom the said Mr. Tarte was thus in communication regarding the chairmanship of the new Harbour Commission of Montreal?

Hon. Mr. LEGRIS—In the absence of the hon. gentleman who has placed this notice on the order paper, I beg to make the inquiry.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The Minister of Marine and Fisheries before submitting names for consideration in the appointment of a board of harbour commissioners of Montreal, naturally consulted leading citizens of Montreal, Mr. Tarte among the number. In the conversation Mr. Tarte intimated that he did not propose to accept the position. That is the only answer I can give to the hon. gentleman's question. When spoken to on the subject, Mr. Tarte said he was not a candidate and would not accept the position.