

members of the Senate themselves, and there was the greatest freedom in presenting their views in the committee. There was no attempt on the part of the chairman, Sir Hector Langevin, or any one else, to set aside the views expressed by the members of the Senate. The economy suggested applies to both Houses. It is no encroachment on the Senate to take away the apartments of Black Rod. The same thing is done on the other side.

HON. MR. McINNES (B.C.)—And what is to be done with the rooms?

HON. MR. VIDAL—They are required for the use of the Senate. I will not go into details. I want to emphatically deny that there is any attempt made by the Government or the House of Commons to interfere with the Senate. The whole discussion was conducted with the greatest fairness, and with an earnest desire on the part of members of the committee to practise such economy as can be done consistently with giving to each House the full privileges belonging to it.

HON. MR. McINNES (B.C.)—Is it the intention of the Government to prorogue to-morrow?

HON. MR. ABBOTT—It is the intention of the Government to prorogue to-morrow, if public business will enable us to do so. We think it will.

HON. MR. McINNES (B.C.)—If such is the case, I sincerely hope that the suggestions made by the senior member from Halifax will be accepted by the leader of this House, because it will be utterly impossible to discuss a report containing sixty-three important recommendations if Parliament is to be prorogued to-morrow, or even the day after. I will not enter into a discussion of the report now. I merely rise to say that I sincerely hope that the consideration of this report will be postponed until the next session of Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.

SECOND SITTING.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Routine proceedings.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (144), "An Act relating to Ocean Steamship Subsidies." (Mr. Abbott).

INUNDATIONS AT MONTREAL.

MOTION.

The Order of the Day being called—

Consideration of the Ninth Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament,

HON. MR. READ moved that the report be adopted. He said: I may explain that among the documents recommended to be printed is one relating to the disease of tuberculosis. The recommendation is that 20,000 copies be printed and put up in wrappers for distribution. Among the documents recommended not to be printed is the report of the commission on the floods of the St. Lawrence River.

HON. MR. DEBOUCHERVILLE—The reason why the committee did not recommend the printing of that report was, that they considered it was only of interest to the city of Montreal; but those who know the character of the country are aware that it interests also the counties of Hochelaga, Chambly, Verchères, Richelieu, L'Assomption, Berthier, Maskinongé, St. Maurice, Champlain—in fact, it interests half the Province of Quebec; therefore, it cannot be considered as only a matter for the city of Montreal. I think it is very important that this report, with the accompanying plans, should be printed. I therefore suggest that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he would be pleased to cause the report and plans submitted by the commissioners on the floods in the St. Lawrence River to be printed by the Department of Public Works.

HON. MR. DRUMMOND—I venture to suggest to my hon. friend that it would be better not to concur in the report, but to refer it back to the Committee on Printing, for reconsideration. On a previous occasion I ventured to offer to this hon. House several reasons why this report should be printed. These reasons I need scarcely trouble the House with again, but they were, briefly, as follows: that the report was not of local interest only, but of widespread general interest, and affected not only the St. Lawrence, from Kingston to Lake St. Peter, but was applicable to other rivers which, like the St. Lawrence, are covered with ice in