

CANADA

House of Commons Debates

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Wednesday, April 13, 1921.

The House met at Three o'clock.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FUEL

Mr. M. STEELE (South Perth) presented the first report of the special committee appointed to inquire into such matters as relate to the future fuel supply of Canada.

Mr. STEELE moved:

That the evidence now being taken by the special committee appointed to inquire into such matters as relate to the future fuel supply of Canada be printed from day to day, and that rule 74 relating thereto be suspended in accordance with the recommendation contained in the first report of the said committee.

Mr. SPEAKER: This motion, in the absence of notice, will require unanimous consent. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

PARLIAMENTARY RESTAURANT

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Prime Minister) moved:

That Orders-in-Council P. C. 279, dated February 5, 1921, and P.C. 999, dated March 23, 1921, in respect to the appointment and salary of a manager for the Parliamentary restaurant, which were laid on the table of the House on the 4th instant, be approved.

Motion agreed to.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

Mr. A. L. DAVIDSON (Digby and Annapolis) moved:

That the quorum of the special committee appointed to consider the subject of proportional representation and the subject of the transferable or preferential vote consist of seven members, and that the said committee be also empowered to report from time to time and authorized to have its proceedings and such evidence as may be taken printed from day to day for the use of the members of the committee, and that rule 74 be suspended in reference thereto.

Mr. SPEAKER: This motion also, in the absence of notice, will require unani-

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mous consent. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Motion agreed to.

REPORT PRESENTED

Annual report of the Superintendent of Penitentiaries for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1920.—Right Hon. Mr. Doherty.

PRIVATE BILLS

FIRST READINGS

Bill No. 66 (from the Senate), respecting The Quebec, Montreal and Southern Railway Company.—Mr. Lemieux.

Bill No. 67 (from the Senate), for the relief of George Gourley.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 68 (from the Senate), for the relief of Thomas Edwin William Flower.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 69 (from the Senate), for the relief of Royland Stanley Morrison.—Mr. Douglas (Strathcona).

Bill No. 70 (from the Senate), for the relief of Arthur Ebenezer Sims.—Mr. Smith.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

PECUNIARY CLAIMS CONVENTION

Mr. DEMERS:

1. Does the Board of Arbitration, established pursuant to a convention called "Pecuniary Claims Convention" to give award upon the claims of money existing between the British Empire and the United States, among which are included the claims of Canadian hay dealers for overpaid rates of duty, still exist?

2. If so, does the Government know when the reopening of the sittings of said board, which have been suspended since 1914, will take place?

3. Does the Government intend to take steps toward the resumption of the hearings of said board in a near future?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: I mentioned yesterday that this question was answered on March 10 by myself. The answer is to be found at page 774 of unrevised Hansard.

Question dropped.