

possible to keep pace with it. In reference to the binding, I presume the charge of \$2.25 per volume refers to a special class of binding. That is a superior class—

Hon. Mr. POWER—No, the binding of our own debates.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The statutes are delivered in Ontario for, I think, \$1.25 a volume. It is the first time I have ever heard of any extravagant charge for binding. There is no money for the institution. It is all for the Crown. There is no profit outside of that.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—May I be permitted to make a suggestion to my hon. friend which he can consider up to the time we go into committee? In looking over the Bill with some friends who took a lively interest in the legislation, it was noticed that only residents of Canada can take advantage of the Act. My hon. friend might consider the suggestion whether Canadian born British subjects, though temporarily resident in Newfoundland or Great Britain, the United States or the West Indies, might take advantage of it, as well as those who were residing in Canada at the time. There is not what you may call a straight gratuity to anybody in the Bill. It is pretty much 'You pay for what you get,' and I think we might go a little further and extend it to natives of Canada, although they might temporarily be residing at the time they make their application in the United States, Newfoundland or West Indies.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I will take it into consideration, but my hon. friend will notice that we make no profits out of this. We tax the people of Canada to some small extent, a very small extent, for the maintenance of our staff and the diffusion of information about it, and, moreover, that the allowance of four per cent is a pretty liberal allowance. It is rather better, I think, than the average insurance company would give.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—Not very liberal now.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—We do not expect money will always be as tight as it is just now—at least I hope not for

Hon. Mr. SCOTT.

the sake of the country. Four per cent, I think, is not too much to pay in Canada for some time to come, but it is a liberal allowance all the same. However, I will mention that matter to my colleagues and advise my hon. friend.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The confining of the benefit of this system to Canada is, I think, a right and proper thing if for no other reason than that it affords an inducement to outsiders to come into Canada.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—I would only go as far as Canadians, natives of Canada temporarily residing elsewhere.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

The Senate adjourned till three p.m. tomorrow.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Friday, February 26, 1909.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

RAILWAY STATISTICS.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT laid on the table of the House the report of the Railway Statistics. He said: If the House will permit me I take the opportunity of mentioning that I have required the Department of Railway and Canals to permit a copy of the report of the Board of Railway Commissioners to be laid on the table of this House. They state that the Act only requires the report to be laid on the table of the House of Commons; but I am not sure of that. My hon. friend opposite thinks that is an error on their part.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—That was a provision of the original Railway Act, but we amended it in this House last year, requiring that the report should be laid before the Senate as well as the House of Commons, and I presume that Mr. Payne has been consulting the unamended Act