

and the number of meetings of those committees, the respective members attend. Where we find that certain members had not attended we invariably left them off and substituted live men, and we believe we have submitted to this House a list of members for the several committees who will attend to the work of the Senate in the best possible manner. We have tried as far as possible to select for the various committees men who are best adapted for the work of those committees, and I do not think it is fair that my hon. friend should make this criticism. The hon. member wants his statements to go before the country. He realizes that his remarks will have no effect on the Senate, where he is known, but he wishes them to go before the country where they do not know him. I do not wish his remarks to go without challenge.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I wish to call the hon. gentleman's attention to the well known fact that whether a senator is a member of a committee or not, he has a right to attend the meetings and express his views, and discuss with the different senators in the committee any measure which comes before them. Therefore there is no danger. If my hon. friend, or any other hon. gentleman, feels interested in a measure, or feels that it will not be properly discussed, he can appear before the committee and state his views, just in the same manner as a member of that committee, the only difference being that he has no right to vote.

Hon. Mr. GORDON—I should like to inquire what is meant by 'dead men'?

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Speaking generally, a 'dead man' is one who has been appointed to a committee, but never attends the meetings.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until three o'clock Tuesday next.

THE SENATE.

TUESDAY, December 3, 1912.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and Routine Proceedings.

Hon. Mr. WATSON.

NEW SENATOR.

Hon. Edward Lovin Girrrior, of Nova Scotia.

DISMISSAL OF GEO. H. COCHRANE.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY inquired:

For what reason was Geo. H. Cochrane dismissed from the office of collector of customs for the port of Moncton, N.B.?

Was an investigation held and who was the commissioner?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The answer is as follows: George H. Cochrane, collector of Customs at Moncton, N. B., was dismissed from office on account of political partisanship. An investigation was held, the commissioner being Mr. E. T. C. Knowles.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY inquired:

If Geo. S. Reffington is in the employ of the Intercolonial railway? If so, what are his duties, what wages does he receive, are his expenses paid, and how much?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Mr. Geo. S. Reffington is not in the employ of the Intercolonial railway.

INDIAN RESERVES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK moved:

That an Order of the Senate do issue for a return of all the correspondence and papers relating to the appointment of a commission to investigate the Indian Reserves in British Columbia.

The motion was agreed to.

EXPERIMENTAL FARMS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK inquired:

1. What is the date of the report made by Mr. Griesdale of the Experimental Farms, on the site chosen at Saanich, Vancouver Island?
2. When was the report received by the department in Ottawa?
3. Was the report made by telegraph and afterwards confirmed and elaborated by letter?
4. Has the report been published in the blue-book of the department or otherwise?