

Mr. *Young* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, That the Sub-Committee's Report, so far as its recommendations are concerned, be read before action is taken.

And the Question being put on the amendment; the Committee divided: and it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Bowell* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Carrall*, That after a full and careful investigation into all the facts laid before this Committee, in connection with the contracts entered into between the Parliament of *Canada* and Mr. *I. B. Taylor*, for the printing required by both Houses of Parliament, and considering the absolute necessity in the public interests of having the Printing of Parliament executed with as much promptitude as possible, it is, in the opinion of this Committee, but equitable to Mr. *Taylor* that he should receive an advance in the prices now paid for certain portions of the work performed under his contract.

Hon. Mr. *Bureau* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Young*, That all the words in the original motion after "That" be struck out, and the following substituted:—

*Resolved*, 1. That by adopting the recommendations contained in the Report now under consideration, the principle of giving out works by public tender and contract would be destroyed, as Parliament by sanctioning the principle that after issuing tenders and entering into contracts the rates can be raised, would do injustice to other tenderers, and thus open the door for every public contractor to make similar claims.

*Resolved*, 2. That the Sub-Committee have taken no evidence but that of the contractor himself and his employees, either as to the manner in which the work has been performed,—the labor necessary,—the cost of the increase in trade prices—with the exception of the special report of the Queen's Printer to the Secretary of State, being the result of his enquiries from different printing offices between *Quebec* and *Sarnia*, the increase, as stated by him, being twenty-seven per cent., while the recommendation of the Sub-Committee is to increase the contractor's rates about one hundred per cent.

*Resolved*, 3. That the tenders for the Printing of Parliament having been received before it was contemplated to issue tenders for the Departmental work, the latter could have had no possible effect in fixing the prices of the former; the contractor thus entered into the Parliamentary contract at the fixed prices tendered for by himself, and with which he expressed himself well satisfied, so that should the principle of raising the rates be entertained he could not be entitled to more than twenty-seven per cent., as officially reported by Queen's Printer as the trade increase.

*Resolved*, 4. That the Sub-Committee have apparently taken into consideration that the Contractor is not allowed to charge double composition for the Parliamentary Reports, whereas it having been an instruction to the Sub-Committee to make inquiry if such custom of double charges did previously prevail; and the Chairman having made such inquiry, and received indisputable evidence that such never was the custom, and the Joint Committee for two consecutive Sessions reported against the justice of such claim, which reports were concurred in by both Houses of Parliament, and which decision of the Committee has been confirmed by the Courts of Law during the past recess, though the case as submitted to them was based on the same false ground that double charges did previously prevail.

*Resolved*, 5. Because the said Report of the Sub-Committee contains a recommendation that the Printing Services of Parliament should be placed under the control of the Executive Government,—this, if not infringing on the privileges of Parliament, must certainly reflect on the management of the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, composed equally of Members of the Senate and House of Commons—a management which has met with the confidence and approval of Parliament, as well as that of public opinion—a management which has resulted in reducing the expenditure, at least, to one-fourth of the cost under previous systems, and which has also secured regularity, order, and perfect control. For the above reasons be it *Resolved*, That it not having been shown to the satisfaction of the Committee that sufficient grounds exist for the pre-