

Hon. Mr. DENNIS: That was fixed by the committee. What is the salary to be paid to the other reporters?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: \$2,100.

Hon. Mr. DENNIS: While Mr. Bengough is undoubtedly a first-class reporter and entitled to the consideration of the committee, he is very fully and amply paid at \$1,500 a session, which, as we all knew, may last only a few weeks.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes, but we have to take sessions as they come; they may be short, or they may be long.

Hon. Mr. DENNIS: In addition to that, we are paying Mr. Holland a pension of \$1,000 a year.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: But, taking all these figures into consideration, the sum total does not exceed the amount this branch cost previously.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Honourable gentlemen; may I say a word in connection with this matter? I am not a member of the Debates Committee, but I took some interest last session in endeavouring to arrange a readjustment of our reportorial staff, owing to the dissatisfaction which had for some time prevailed. We were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. Horton as Chief of the Reporting Branch. It was understood at the different conferences which we had that we should endeavour to make provision for the officers who had been for a considerable time connected with that branch. Mr. Bengough had been, as the report of the committee states, connected with the reporting of the Senate for some nine sessions. I think he had some anticipation that he would be charged with the carrying on of the work of his predecessor, Mr. Holland. However, we viewed the matter differently and appointed Mr. Horton to that important position. I have looked into the saving which the change will effect. The reporting will not cost the Senate as much as it has previously cost, and we shall have a very much more efficient reportorial staff. I cannot say anything as to the formalities of the matter, which apparently were discussed at the committee meeting this morning. The only thing I can say, on the merits of the question, is that every consideration should be given to the claims of Mr. Bengough.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. FARRELL.

PRIVATE BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill B, an Act respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company.—Hon. Mr. Taylor.

INTERIM SUPPLY BILL.

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 20, An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial years ending respectively the 31st March, 1917, and the 31st March, 1918.

The Bill was read the first time.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: Honourable gentlemen, I wish merely to make an observation with regard to Bills of this class. When money Bills or resolutions are introduced into the House of Commons, they must of course first have been recommended by the Crown, and that information is given to the House by the minister who introduces them; but since I have come to this House it has seemed to me that it would be an improvement in our practice to follow the practice which obtains in the Imperial Parliament, of having such Bills marked as having received the recommendation of the Crown. As it is, in the event of the representative of the Crown in this House accidentally overlooking or neglecting to state the fact, we do not know whether the recommendation of the Crown has been received or not.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I may say to my honourable friend that it would be rather a reflection—would it not—upon the House of Commons to suggest that so important a preliminary was omitted by that House before sending a Money Bill to us? At any rate, I think we can safely take it for granted that Bills of this kind do not escape the keen scrutiny of His Majesty's opposition in the House of Commons. However, the suggestion is worthy of consideration, and I am not at all opposing it.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL: The practice in the past has been for the minister of the Crown in charge of a money Bill to state to the House that the approval of the Governor General has been obtained; and that practice applies to this House as well as to the House of Commons. In England, in the House of Lords, a written statement is read to the effect that the ap-