

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON: The evidence of the Beauharnois committee was printed from day to day, and the type remained set.

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN: I should like to say to the House, in whose hands my colleagues of the committee and I are, that the report and the evidence were carefully designed to interlock and make a complete picture. Further, I want to emphasize that every bit of the evidence we heard was given by experts of the highest standing in the subjects on which they spoke. I feel that if the proceedings are not printed a distinct loss will be suffered. In the mail this morning I received a letter from the secretary of an important organization asking for copies of this report, which he was good enough to describe as a very valuable one. But I think that the report, which already has been printed, does not carry the weight that it would if the evidence were published. I might say that the evidence was revised and condensed by the various witnesses.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: Honourable senators, I am not of the same mind as my honourable friend from Regina (Hon. Mr. Laird). I have not been convinced that the motion for printing of the Beauharnois committee's proceedings was erroneous. In the present instance, I understand the House has already decided to print the report in English and French.

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN: Yes. But I neglected to add the word "evidence" to the previous motion.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: The proposal now is to print the evidence?

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN: Yes.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: I presume it is not very lengthy.

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN: No.

Hon. Mr. TANNER: The honourable gentleman from Sydney (Hon. Mr. McLennan) has told us that the report and the evidence interlock. I think the committee dealt with matters in which we are all greatly interested, and for my part I am going to adhere to the principle I followed the other day, and vote for the printing.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Lest honourable members may vote under a misapprehension, may I say that my information from officials is that the printing in English would cost about \$300, and the translation and printing in French would cost an additional \$700. The whole amount is not large, but with great reluctance I must express the view

that the printing of the report itself ought to meet the requirements. I know that the chairman of the committee, in common with most of us, is greatly interested in the subject on which evidence was given, but I venture to say that the public are not nearly as interested as they ought to be. The multitude of reports has rather choked the public appetite, and many official publications are never looked at. However, I am not going to ask anyone to follow me in this matter. I should think, though, that in view of the considerable opposition to the printing of the proceedings, the House might well be satisfied at this time to order the publication of the report alone.

Hon. Mr. McLENNAN: May I call the attention of the House to the fact that a large part of the translation costs is made up of the salaries of the French translators, who, I understand, are paid by the year?

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: If that were so there would be virtually no extra cost, but my information from the officials is that the translation would mean an expense of \$700.

The motion of Hon. Mr. McLennan was negatived.

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 4

FIRST READING

Bill 101, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial years ending respectively the 31st March, 1932, and the 31st March, 1933.—Right Hon. Mr. Meighen.

SECOND READING

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable members, inasmuch as we cannot amend this Bill, there would be no purpose in going into Committee upon it, but there are one or two features to which I may call attention by way of explanation. I may say that it is the usual Appropriation Bill. Fractions of the amounts required for certain purposes have previously been voted, and clauses 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Bill appropriate for these purposes the balances not hitherto authorized by legislation. To particularize, clause 3 of the Bill refers to the balance of the appropriation required for 1931-32. Clauses 2, 4 and 5 apply to certain schedules. Clause 6 contains the borrowing power, and authorizes borrowing up to \$200,000,000 for all purposes. I hope it will be used mostly for refunding. A detailed account of the expenditures is to be given to the House of Commons within fifteen days of the opening of next session.