

Mr. LEMIEUX: The second report is the one that was presented on Saturday. I understand?

Mr. CURRIE: That was our first report. It does not contain any recommendation to print or not to print public documents. The third report deals entirely with public documents that have been presented to the House.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Lest I forget, I wish now to express my surprise that the Joint Committee on Printing has appointed an Editorial Committee containing not one French name, although both languages are official. The Editorial Committee consists of Mr. Fred Cook, Assistant King's Printer, chairman; Mr. F. C. T. O'Hara, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce; Mr. F. C. C. Lynch, Superintendent of Natural Resources Intelligence Branch, Department of Interior, and associated with that Committee in an advisory capacity are the Right Hon. Sir George Foster, Hon. A. Meighen and Hon. Mr. Burrell. I hope that my hon. friend before submitting his report for adoption will take my remarks into consideration and that it will be found advisable to add at least one French name to the Editorial Committee. It seems to me that the Government should also be represented on that Editorial Committee by at least one French-speaking member.

Mr. CURRIE: I may say for the information of the hon. gentleman that the Committee on Printing had nothing to do with the appointment of the Editorial Committee. It is intended to leave the second report dealing with the cost of printing, etc., until to-morrow. I would move that the third report which is purely routine, be adopted now, and to-morrow I will move the adoption of the second report.

Mr. LEMIEUX: My hon. friend does not answer my objection.

Mr. CURRIE: Unfortunately I cannot deal with that report further than to submit it to-morrow to the House as it stands. It will then be for the House to instruct the Committee as to what action shall be taken.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member (Mr. Currie) desires to amend his motion by striking out the word "second." The motion as amended calls for the adoption of the third report. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

[Mr. Currie.]

TRADE BETWEEN RUSSIA AND CANADA.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. JOSEPH ARCHAMBAULT (Chambly and Vercheres): My attention has been directed to an article which appears in the Montreal Gazette of this morning and which contains the following headlines:

"Martens must be Deported from U. S. on Purchase There.—Canada Secures Trade which U. S. Government will not allow American to take.

The article in question goes on to state that Mr. L. C. A. K. Martens, Commercial Representative of the Soviet Government in the United States, has signed a contract with a Canadian firm for the shipment to Russia of several millions dollars' worth of food-stuffs, agricultural machinery and railroad equipment, and that the negotiations for this contract were carried on by Premier Lloyd George and Mr. Gregory Krassin, Soviet Minister of Commerce and Russian Representative in London. I desire to ask the Government, first, whether trade has been resumed between Canada and Russia; secondly, whether the Government are aware of this large contract in question; and, thirdly, if so, whether it is true that the negotiations were carried on by Premier Lloyd George.

Rt. Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER (Minister of Trade and Commerce): In answer to my hon. friend, I may say, first, that there are no restrictions as regards trade between the people of Russia and the people of Canada.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Hear, hear.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: Any Canadian is at perfect liberty to make any arrangement he pleases in the way of trade with any Russian, and this Government does not grant any more facilities to one than to another. It is perfectly free and open to the people of the two countries to make any arrangements they desire as regards trade. In the second place, I may say that no negotiations have been carried on governmentally, although I may inform the House that I have been asked whether there is any objection to such trade being carried on and I have answered that there is not. As to what contracts have been made,—that is a matter with which the Government has nothing to do, and in regard to which, therefore, it has no special information; but it is currently stated that considerable contracts have already been entered into.