

capable and experienced officials were neglected and outsiders appointed over their heads. He did not think that the late Government had always observed the rule regarding promotions as closely perhaps as they ought to have done, but he believed that they had observed it much more closely than their successors.

Mr. MACKENZIE moved that the report be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, with a view to its being printed, with the evidence accompanying the said Report.

Mr. CASEY said that the presentation of the report had been delayed because they desired to make it as full as possible. They had found that the law to which the hon member for Cumberland had referred had not been carried out. This was the testimony at least of members of the Civil Service. Men had been nominally appointed on probation, but they had never been dropped when found to be inefficient. They had obtained no testimony to the effect that the rules relating to promotion had been more closely observed by the late than by the present Government. Mr. Fleming had stated that he had felt the grave evils of political nominations in his Department; and that this had been the case in connection with the construction of the Intercolonial Railway.

Mr. ROCHESTER rose to a point of order.

Mr. SPEAKER said that, as objection had been taken by the First Minister to the proposed resolution, it must, in its present shape, be dropped, while the suggestion of the Premier was not a debateable resolution. It was simply a mode of referring the matter to the Printing Committee.

Motion to refer report *agreed to*.

PILOTAGE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—[BILL No. 108.]

(*Mr. Smith, Westmoreland.*)

SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

Amendments read the first and second times and agreed to.

Mr. TUPPER.

THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES BILL.—[BILL No. 74.]

(*Mr. Mills.*)

SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN.

Mr. MILLS moved that the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill relating to the North-West Territories be read the first time. One of them, he stated, provided for the publication of the proceedings of the North-West Council in English and French, and for the use of both languages in the Courts. They had thought that this was a matter which had better be left to the Council in question. He regretted that the amendment had been made, but it would be impossible to get the measure through at this late period in the Session, unless the amendments were accepted. The action taken by the Senate would add very considerably to the expense. Almost every one in that part of the country spoke Cree, though some spoke, in addition, English or French, and, if the proceedings were to be published in the most prevalent language, Cree should be chosen for the purpose.

Amendments read the first and second times and concurred in.

THE ALBERT RAILWAY COMPANY BILL.

MOTION TO CONSIDER.

Mr. DOMVILLE moved :

“That the Order of the House, referring the amendment made by the Senate to the Bill (No. 48) Respecting the Albert Railway Company, to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, be discharged, and that the said amendment be considered this day.”

He said he was informed that the Committee would not meet again, and, as prorogation was near at hand, some action must be taken in the matter.

Mr. KERR said that he felt it would not be right to let the motion pass without considering whether it had not better lie over. He was a member of the Committee, and he knew that there was a diversity of opinion as to the expediency of granting the legislation asked for.