

I find that His Honour the Speaker, in proceeding on the resolution which I had the honour to move last session, has found it necessary to extend the subject, and he has made several valuable suggestions. Under these circumstances, I propose to move, seconded by Hon. Mr. Letellier de St. Just, that the said report and papers be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Hon. Messrs. Scott, Campbell, Bureau, Haviland, Miller, Seymour, and the mover.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL—I should apprehend that this motion should come from the Government; that they should take the initiation and responsibility of any expense which the carrying out of the suggestions of Mr. Speaker may entail.

Hon. Mr. LETELLIER DE ST. JUST—The Government will not decline the responsibility. It was a matter of courtesy that the motion was left to my hon. friend who moved it last session. The Government will show their readiness to meet the wishes of the House in compliance with the order of last session. I believe the members named on the Committee will be equal to the task, and they will be able to investigate the matter in such a way as to have new rules, orders and references printed as well as reported. A few dollars here or there in the matter of printing is a mere bagatelle when we are about to adopt rules to bind so important a body as the Senate of the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—I should say that the report ought to be printed.

Hon. Mr. BOTSFORD—I will with draw my motion. I contemplated in moving the resolution that the report should be printed.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I have added a few words to the motion "with instructions to have such portion as they think proper printed for the use of members."

Hon. Mr. AIKINS—There is nothing pressing in this case, and I do not think that the usual rule should be departed from, of referring these papers to the Printing Committee, so that they can be printed in the usual way.

The motion was carried.

THE LIBRARY.

A message was received from the Commons informing the Senate that the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, Hon. Messrs. Cameron (Cardwell), Cartwright, Cauchon, Cameron (Ontario), Holton, and Tupper, Messrs. Frchette, Delorme, Mills, Young, Laurier,

Brouse, and Wright (Ottawa), had been appointed to assist the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament.

RETURNS PRESENTED.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT submitted a return to an address for fees or amounts received from members of the Senate or House of Commons, or others, in consequence of the introduction of private bills, since the 1st of January, 1874, to the present time:

Also a return of moneys voted; all the correspondence, reports and tenders received by the Government with regard to the beacon lights proposed to be erected at Tadousac, in the County of Saguenay.

Also a return showing the number of appeals yearly taken to the Privy Council from the Superior Courts of the different Provinces of the Dominion, during the past five years.

The House adjourned at 4 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16.

The PRESIDENT took the chair at three p.m.

Prayers were read.

After routine, the House adjourned at 3.15 p.m.

THURSDAY, Feb. 17.

The PRESIDENT took the chair at three p.m.

Prayers were read.

After routine,

THE DECK LOADS LAW.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH moved that an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, all papers and correspondence between the Government of Canada and the Inspector of Customs for the Province of Nova Scotia, or any of the Custom House officers in the County of Lunenburg, in the said Province, or any other Government officials in relation to the violation of the Deck Loads Law, with Government instructions, if any, to its officers relative to the enforcement of said law. He said—It may be remembered that when the deck loads question was under our consideration it was very strenuously opposed by many hon. members from the Maritime Provinces, including myself. We believed the principle was