

been obliged to attend, and avoid courts, a sum of \$500 or \$1,000 has been paid.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—On account of that engagement he has for to-night, he is going to lose \$500?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Did the hon. gentleman's remarks not refer to the acting Governor General while the Governor General was out of the country, and not visiting other portions of the Dominion? That is my recollection. Perhaps I may be in error.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The hon. gentleman is quite right. The honorarium, whatever it was, under the original regulation was only payable when the Governor General was outside of Canada.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Has any honorarium been given to the acting Governor when he comes down for the day to sanction Bills?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—No, there has been no agreement to compensate the chief justice for his services on those occasions.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—It is only a lump sum.

Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Are we to understand that prorogation cannot take place to-day on account of the Chief Justice having a dinner party to-night?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Oh, no.

Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I have been informed that the absence of the Governor General is on account of the dinner party that is to be given by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and parliament is to be kept in session for a day or two in order to accommodate the Chief Justice. It seems to me that is pretty—well, I won't say it.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Perhaps in my answer I am a little too frank and not diplomatic. We are not ready for the Governor General. There are several bills yet to come up. The Subsidy Bill has not yet come up, nor the Railway Bill.

Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—There is enough business for all of next week.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—Are there any other bills but these the hon. gentleman has named coming from the Commons?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—None that I am aware of, except the Election Bill now on our list. The Boundary Bill, Subsidy Bill and the Supply Bill are still in the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I think it is a great pity that members of parliament, who have been here for some eight months, should be inconvenienced to the extent of having to remain here probably 48 hours or more for the simple convenience of a gentleman who ought to be present for the purpose of closing parliament, and I hope the little discussion which has taken place here may be communicated to the people who are responsible for delaying prorogation.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I am sorry the hon. gentleman has felt called upon to make the statement which he has made, because if any officer whose duty it is to prorogue parliament were to come here to-day we are not ready for him, and I quite agree with the hon. gentleman from Hastings who has insisted that there shall be plenty of time to discuss the measures which come up at the end of the session. I was glad to hear the hon. gentleman say he proposed to devote considerable time to the Supply Bill, and what sense would there be in asking His Excellency to come here to-day? He will be here as soon as we are ready for him. If it can be shown that any harm or wrong has been done to parliament by the action or inaction of anyone outside, I should be quite ready to endorse the condemnation, but we have not suffered.

The SPEAKER—It will all depend upon the way this House expedites business.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—What I wish to say is this: that the official whose duty it is to prorogue parliament ought to be ready here when parliament is ready to prorogue, and parliament should not have to wait for him two or three days.

THE SENATE DEBATES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—Moved the adoption of the report of the Standing Committee on Debates and Reporting.

He said: The question was asked on the presentation of the report as to whether the