

I wish to say that is not a correct report. I said \$1,350. I never said \$1,050. And I think that I referred to the fact that his predecessor had had a salary of \$1,350 and rooms and dwelling in the House here, which was supposed to be worth the difference between \$1,350 and \$1,800, and when Mr. St. John was appointed Usher of the Black Rod his salary was increased from \$1,350 which his predecessor had, to \$1,800, because Mr. St. John did not have the quarters in the building which his predecessor had.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—What was the sum at which Mr. Kimber was superannuated? Was he not allowed, in addition to his salary, a certain amount which was supposed to be an increase of salary, but was really for house rent, fuel and so on?

Hon. Mr. POWER—I do not know what his superannuation was based on. I am informed that his superannuation was \$1,000; the senior Kimber had disappeared from this scene before I came here.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—My recollection is that the accommodation he had in the house and the other perquisites were computed at a certain sum and added to the salary which he received, and he was superannuated for a larger amount.

Mr. SPEAKER—If I may be permitted to make a remark on that subject, it will be noted that in the classification of the House of Commons, the same accommodation is valued there for the Sergeant-at-Arms at, I think, \$800 a year.

The Senate adjourned until 11 a.m. tomorrow.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Tuesday, May 18, 1909.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at eleven o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

RAILWAY ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

THIRD READING.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT moved the third reading of Bill (No. 106) An Act to amend the Railway Act.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—There is notice of motion for an amendment to that Bill, and, if the House consents, I shall make the motion, that the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be amended by adding the following:

1. Subsection 1 of section 298 of the Railway Act is amended by adding thereto the following words:—

Provided further that the company shall, to the extent of the compensation recoverable, be entitled to the benefit of any insurance effected upon the property by the owner thereof. Such insurance shall, if paid before the amount of compensation has been determined, be deducted therefrom; if not so paid, the policy or policies shall be assigned to the company, and the company may maintain an action thereon.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Might I ask how it is that this notice is given by the right hon. leader of the House, and moved by an hon. gentleman who is supposed to be an independent member?

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—It was for the convenience of procedure, inasmuch as the hon. leader of the House had moved the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I do not know that it makes any difference.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—It would appear irregular for the hon. minister to move to amend his own motion. This course has frequently been adopted in the past.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Is the hon. gentleman proposing an amendment to the notice of amendment given by the hon. leader of the House.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—No. I am merely proposing the motion of which he gave notice yesterday.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I understand that; but why has he not taken the responsibility of doing it himself, instead of asking the hon. member to do it?

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—He did not ask me to do it.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I had moved the third reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—It is a practice that has been followed frequently.