

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—If there is anything objectionable it must stand over.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It must stand over; but from a perusal of the Bill, so far as I can see, it is simply a matter of departmental machinery.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—It may be of no consequence, but it is not proper to bring forward such a Bill on the morning of the Jay we prorogue. We will consider it, of course, when it comes before us.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

SALARIES OF SENATE OFFICIALS.

The SPEAKER presented a report and recommendation with reference to increase of salaries of officers of the Senate:

The undersigned has the honour to represent that when the organization and classification of the staff of the Senate took place under chapter 15 of the Statutes of 1908.

1. The chief French translator who, in the House of Commons, in first division, subdivision 'A' and who is now in first division, subdivision 'B,' was through misapprehension placed in a class which is not the one assigned to similar officers in the House of Commons.

2. That the clerk of routine and proceedings and the clerk of stationery who, in the House of Commons is placed in the first division, subdivision 'A,' and who is now in first division, subdivision 'B' was, through misapprehension placed in a class which is not the one assigned to similar officers in the House of Commons.

3. That the three French translators were placed in the second division, subdivision 'A,' and were through misapprehension, placed in a class which is not the one assigned to similar officers in the House of Commons.

4. That the clerk in the Law Department and stenographer was placed in the second division, subdivision 'B' and was, through misapprehension, placed in a class which is not the one assigned to similar officers in the House of Commons.

5. That the postmaster was placed in the second division, subdivision 'B' and was, through misapprehension, placed in a class which is not the one assigned to similar officers in the House of Commons.

The undersigned is of the opinion that those officers properly belong:—

1. The chief translator (J. Bouthillier Trudel) to first division, subdivision 'A.'

2. The clerk of routine and proceedings and clerk of stationery (J. C. Young) to first division, subdivision 'A.'

3. The three French translators, J. Bouchard, W. Chapman and L. DeMontigny, to first division, subdivision 'B.'

4. The clerk of the Law Department and stenographer (Arthur Hinds), and the postmaster (J. Choquette) to second division, subdivision 'A.'

He, therefore, recommends that they be so classified in the future and that the organization and classification of the staff of the Senate be corrected accordingly.

(Signed) P. LANDRY,
Speaker of the Senate.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I move that this recommendation be considered at the next sitting.

Hon. Mr. POWER—There probably will not be very much chance to discuss this matter at the next sitting of the House, and I think that it is just as well something should be said about it now. I do not raise any question as to the presentation of this proposed change in the classification of our officers, but I wish to call attention to the fact that this memorandum proposes a very considerable increase in the salaries of the officers of this House, and being presented at this stage of the session, it gives the Senate no chance to consider the merits and claims of these several officers. The right course to pursue with respect to this recommendation would be to send it to the committee on Internal Economy, so that each case might be considered on its merits. I am a little surprised at the sweeping character of the recommendation, because we have already before the House two memoranda from the Clerk, one of which provides for an increase to the salary of the stenographer and assistant to the law clerk, who is a most deserving officer, and I supposed that that would be pretty nearly all. I had heard of one other increase which I thought was not unreasonable, but this is really a wholesale increase of salaries of gentlemen, some of whom I respectfully submit are being now paid quite as much as their services are worth, and a great deal more than they would be paid in any other employment. I make this statement because I propose, if I am alive at the next sitting of this House, to oppose this.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—There is a principle as old as christianity, and that is that charity begins at home. The hon. gentleman has been a consenting party to extravagant expenditures of this government