

Hon. Mr. McSWEENEY: I may inform the honourable gentleman that the General Manager of the Intercolonial railway states that it will have a surplus of \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March. The net earnings have never before been as large as they are now. The Canadian Northern had a deficit of only \$245,000, according to its last report. It has done very well. But if there is any difficulty the Railway Commission can remedy it. Of course, they have no jurisdiction over the Intercolonial.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock.

THE SENATE.

Wednesday, February 7, 1917.

The Senate met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE DEBATES.

APPOINTMENT OF REPORTERS.

Hon. E. M. FARRILL presented the second report of the Standing Committee on Debates and Reporting.

The Report was read, as follows:

Your Committee have, in obedience to the order of reference of the 26th January, 1917, considered the report of the Clerk of the Senate, dated 8th January, 1917, and the recommendation of His Honour the Speaker of the appointment of Messrs. D. J. Halpin and H. H. Emerson as Official Reporters of the Senate, and now beg to recommend to the Senate the adoption thereof, with the addition that, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Reporting Branch, Mr. Thomas Bengough, who has been in the service of the Senate for nine sessions, be employed as a reserve sessional reporter at \$1,500 per session.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) E. M. Farrell,
Chairman.

Certain rules having been suspended:

Hon. Mr. FARRELL moved that the report be now concurred in.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: If I heard correctly the reading of that report, it proposes to attach another employee to the Senate who will be permanently under salary. I do not know whether or not that proposal has been submitted to the consideration of the Committee on Internal Economy, but it seems to me that it ought to be. The other recom-

mendation, I understand, was submitted and approved of. As the Committee on Internal Economy is charged with looking after the expenditure of this House, it would seem to me to be appropriate that they should exercise their judgment on the proposal referred to before it should be reported to the Senate.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: These matters are generally dealt with exclusively by the Debates Committee. It was that committee which last year examined the situation and recommended the appointment of Mr. Horton as Editor of the Debates, with the responsibility of organizing the staff. He has organized the staff, and it is upon his report that we are now acting.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: But I understand that the proposal referred to is an addition to that report. The original report recommended that two new stenographers be employed, and they are, according to the recommendation of the committee, to be employed; but the last recommendation, which is tacked on, is that a former reporter of the Senate, who is now practically out of business, be continued at a salary of \$1,500 per session as an extra.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: That matter was being studied by the editor at the same time, but the understanding with the party concerned had not reached such a point as to enable Mr. Horton to make his recommendation last week. He did so this morning before the committee, and we took for granted that His Honour the Speaker, who was present with us for a time, would accept our report and not raise any objection to the procedure in connection with it.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: As his predecessor used to do.

Hon. Mr. DENNIS: I am sorry I was not able to be present to-day at the meeting of the committee, of which I am a member, but I would like to ask the chairman if this is the unanimous report of the committee.

Hon. Mr. POWER: It is.

Hon. Mr. DENNIS: And, further, was the salary of \$1,500 for this auxiliary reporter recommended by Mr. Horton?

Hon. Mr. FARRELL: He was present at the meeting.

Hon. Mr. DENNIS: Did he recommend that the salary be \$1,500?

Hon. Mr. FARRELL: No.