

to do errands outside, and naturally you would not put those employees in dress coats, and it is provided they shall have sack coats. The colour of the uniform is to be navy blue, with red piping. The uniforms are to have brass buttons, and it is intended that a die shall be procured to stamp the buttons, showing that they belong to the Senate. The sub-committee did not act by themselves; they took suggestions from the house-keeper and from other persons whose judgment was supposed to be worth something.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—This report of the sub-committee recites that the sub-committee should report directly to the House. I have the last report of the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, and I see nothing in it that warrants the nomination of this sub-committee and the duties it has performed.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The hon. gentleman himself is a member of the Committee on Contingent Accounts, is he not?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I should want to have twenty-four hours notice to answer that question. Like the government, I want to be prepared.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The Contingent Accounts Committee report to the House those matters which the House had to deal with at once. The Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts appointed this sub-committee and authorized the sub-committee to report directly to the House, and we have reported to the House, and it is for the House to either adopt the report or reject it. If the hon. gentleman disputes what I say, we can produce the law clerk with the minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, at which the sub-committee was appointed.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I do not desire to question the accuracy of the statements made by the hon. gentleman. I am not a member of the committee. I will answer the hon. gentlemen's question now. I wish to say that the sub-committee was appointed by the Standing Committee. It was on a motion made by the hon. gentleman from Halifax.

Hon. Mr. POWER—No.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The minutes of the committee read as follows:—

Committee room, Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts, 13th July, 1899. On motion of the Honourable Mr. Power, it was resolved that the Honourable Messieurs Kirchhoffer, Power and Macdonald (B.C.) be appointed a sub-committee to action association with His Honour the Speaker, for the purpose of selecting a uniform, and that the said sub-committee be authorized to report to the Senate.

I suppose that is correct.

Hon. Mr. POWER—Yes, that is correct, I presume. I did not remember it.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I read that in order to refresh the memory of the hon. gentleman, because he had forgotten it. I always thought that when a sub-committee was appointed they would act as such, and I did not imagine that one member of that committee would call himself the sub-committee, and make a report in the absence of his colleagues. I think we should have a quorum of that sub-committee. If a sub-committee consists of three members, I should think a majority would be necessary to constitute a quorum. That sub-committee did not meet, and the report before us is not the report of the sub-committee. I raise a point of order on that ground.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The hon. gentleman is quite right. I did not remember that I had moved the resolution for the sub-committee; but the idea did not originate with me. I think it was the Hon. Mr. Owens who brought the matter of uniforms before the committee. I had no interest in it, and was not, in fact, in favour of it. I moved the resolution to dispose of the matter when it was before the committee. The hon. gentleman is right to a certain extent; but, as I explained last night when the report was presented, the hon. gentleman from Brandon was the chairman of the committee, and he was nominated on the sub-committee, and also the hon. gentleman from Victoria. We were associated with His Honour the Speaker in the matter. The hon. gentleman from Brandon left here shortly after the meeting. He said he could not attend to this matter, and asked me if I would attend to the selection of the uniform. He did not think that it was a very solemn matter, or that the constitution of the Senate was seriously involved, or anything of that sort. The hon. gentleman from Victoria, unfortunately, met with an