

and His Honour the Speaker of this Chamber placed something on the Table, I am not sure what it was, but assumed that it was an approval of what the Joint Librarians had recommended.

The SPEAKER—It came to me twice, and the first time I gave the answer I have stated. On the second occasion the Librarian said:

With reference to your note on the subject of Mr. Carter's appointment, we have the honour to forward a copy of the Civil Service Commissioners' certificate, dated October 8, 1915.

Up to that date, the position of accountant had been unsatisfactorily filled by a temporary clerk, who was supposed to pass the examinations. He failed to do so, and Mr. Speaker Sproule refused to continue him.

Our accounts were in danger of falling into confusion, so when Mr. Carter was made available we accepted him gladly and assumed that the Civil Service Commissioners understood their own mode of proceeding.

Mr. Carter's appointment was on probation and he had also been in the service in another department.

Parliament did not meet till January; and owing to the adjournment of the Senate and the confusion of the fire we have not had opportunity till now when the probationary period is over, to place the matter in your hands and recognize your authority.

We regret any apparent want of regularity and respect, and recommend Mr. Carter strongly for confirmation. He has exhibited steadiness and knowledge in his work, and will do justice to your approval.

Under such circumstances I have no objection to approve of the communication, but it struck me when the hon. leader said I had approved that I was not sure that I had done so.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I assumed that to be the case. I knew the Speaker's good judgment would approve of it.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE—Has Carter passed the qualifying examination for the Civil Service?

The SPEAKER—Oh, yes, a certificate accompanied the letter, and the certificate reads as follows, on page 563:

Certificate of appointment to subdivision B of the second division, etc.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE—I simply asked the question because it was not clear to me whether he had passed or not, and his predecessor was kept there for some time upon the understanding that he would pass the examination; the first time he was prevented from doing so, but he was retained there until he tried again and failed. He could not legally be kept there any longer, and I was obliged to dispense with his ser-

vices because of that fact, and I thought likely another would be put in his place.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Does that apply to the other?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No, only to Carter the Librarian.

The SPEAKER—I would call attention to the other item in the minutes.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Is there another matter to be dealt with?

The SPEAKER—I do not know that the Government would want to or not.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I will look into that to-morrow. I do not know that any motion was moved in the House of Commons in reference to that recommendation. It was made by Order in Council.

#### OBJECTION TO SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I would call the attention of this hon. House to the proceeding at this separate sitting, which practically is illegal. There are no Orders of the Day.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—We have not yet reached the Orders of the Day. We are dealing with motions.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I am talking now of motions. The motions are not on the Order Paper.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The Order Paper is very small, but it is all right.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—As I said on a previous occasion, the House of Commons railroads legislation, and we put it through by limited express. Now there should be on the Order Paper the notices of motions and inquiries given at the last sitting, and they are not on the Order Paper.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—We are getting along pretty well without the hon. member.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I ask the hon. chairman to rule if this hon. House can conduct business in such an illegal way. Motions and notices of inquiry are not on the Order Paper for this sitting.

The SPEAKER: What motion does the hon. gentleman want?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The hon. Speaker ought to know what motions should be on the Order Paper. If he does not know who would know?