

PROCEDURE—NOTICES FOR PUBLIC BILLS.

REMARKS.

MR. HOLTON: While on the subject of a procedure of the House, I might remark that there is another irregularity not of recent origin, but which has led to inconvenience on this occasion. It is that notices for the introduction of Public Bills—I refer to the two days' notice—do not appear upon the Orders of the Day, as well as upon the Votes and Proceedings. Then the question arises whether the gentleman presenting or introducing a Bill has given the regular notice, and it is necessary to refer back to the Votes to settle the question. If the notice should appear in the Votes and Proceedings and on the Order Paper as well, the question of precedence could readily be determined, and such difficulties as have just arisen could hardly occur.

MR. SPEAKER: As the hon. gentleman from Chateauguay is aware, notices of motions for the introduction of Bills, in accordance with the practice of many years, are never put upon the routine papers. If it is the desire of the House—and I think a change might be made very properly—we might alter our procedure in the direction suggested.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: There is no settled practice of the House in this regard. Some settled practice should be adopted. I think that motions for the introduction of Bills should appear amongst the notices of motion.

MR. HOLTON: There is a manifest inconvenience in allowing Bills to be introduced as at present. Their appearance on the Notice Paper would establish their precedence.

MR. SPEAKER: In that case it would be necessary to insert a paragraph at the head of the Orders of the Day, and give the Bills in the order in which they should be presented each day. If the House desire such should be done, I will give the necessary orders.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD reported lists of members to compose the Select Standing Committees of the House, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare said lists.

Ordered, That the said Report be concurred in.—(Sir John A. Macdonald.)

The following Committees were also appointed:—

Select Committee to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library.—(Sir John A. Macdonald.)

Select Committee to supervise the Official Report of the *Debates* of this House during the present Session, with power to report from time to time.—(Mr. Bowell.)

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Senate requesting that their Honours will unite with this House, in the formation of a Joint Committee of both Houses, on the subject of the Printing of Parliament, and that the members of the Select Standing Committee on Printing will act as members of the said Joint Committee on Printing.—(Sir John A. Macdonald.)

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 10) To regulate the employment of children, young persons and women in the workshops and factories of the Dominion of Canada.—(Mr. Bergin.)

Bill (No. 11) To regulate the encumbering of real estate, by loans of money, or otherwise.—(Mr. Orton.)

Bill (No. 12) To encourage the sale of farm produce.—(Mr. Vallee.)

SUPREME AND EXCHEQUER COURTS ACTS REPEAL BILL.

(Mr. Keeler.)

FIRST READING.

MR. KEELER introduced a Bill (No. 13) To repeal the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, and the Acts amending the same.

MR. ANGLIN: Opposition was offered last Session to the introduction of a similar Bill. In my opinion it is due to the people of the country that the Government should take upon itself to oppose the introduction of a measure which must be looked upon as an attack on the valuable institutions of this country. This is a very serious question, and I think it is scarcely right to allow the introduction of this measure, unless the Government believe that such a question should be seriously discussed. I have a very strong feeling that they should take the initiative and resist a motion of this kind.