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Mr. McCARTHY. I would adopt the suggestion of my hon. friend. There are other Bills here with reference to the Canada Temperance Act—

Mr. BLAKE. Have a sort of temperance's feast.

Mr. McCARTHY—and I think all these Bills had better be fixed for the same occasion.

Mr. IVES. I think it requires the pretty unanimous consent of the House that the Order paper should be interfered with in any way.

Mr. JAMIESON. I move that the second reading of Bill No. 92 be the second Order of Public Bills and Orders.

Mr. ROBERTSON (Hamilton). I object unless the hon. gentleman will consent that all these Bills on the same subject should come up at the same time. It is a question for the unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. BLAKE. Let them be moved one at a time as the third, fourth, fifth or sixth Order. They cannot come up all at a time; that would be contradictory.

Mr. ORTON. As there are several Bills, I think preference should not be given to one Bill over another. We know that the Canada Temperance Act, which this Bill is intended to make more emphatic, is regarded by a large number of our people as an unjust and tyrannical Act. There are several amendments to that Act before the House, and there are many who think that this whole question requires revision. Therefore I object to any preference being given to this Bill over others on the same subject.

Mr. BLAKE. I think it would be extremely reasonable that the measures which take the other view of the subject should receive a preferential place on the Order paper as well as this Bill. My hon. friend's motion may be adopted, and then any other member who desires to have a Bill placed in a high position on the Order paper may move to that effect, and I think the House will agree to it.

Mr. CAMERON (Victoria). If the practice be adopted that any member who has a Bill that he thinks of special public importance, may rise and move that it be given precedence, the result will be to destroy the regularity and upset the order of the proceedings of this House. As I understand, my hon. friend's motion is irregular without notice, and I object to it on that account.

Mr. FISHER. This Bill does occupy an exceptional position. As a matter of fact, we know that it is the Bill embodying the opinions and desires of the Dominion Alliance, a body representing one of the most important classes of people in the country. The Bill is one which has been placed before the Government for their approval, and it is only in consequence of the fact that the Government delayed giving their answer upon that question for no less than a fortnight, that the Bill is so late in coming before the House. Had it not been for that, the Bill would have been before the House and ready for discussion before now. There is another reason why I say this Bill occupies an exceptional position. The hon. gentleman opposite has said that this Bill makes more emphatic the Scott Act. That is not the case, so far as any matter of principle is concerned. This Bill is simply intended to carry out the original intention of the Scott Act, and it is only introduced by the temperance people of this country because in some minor particulars the Scott Act has been proved a little defective, and the temperance people simply wish to make that Act as workable and efficient as possible, not to introduce any new principle. This being the case, I conceive that this Bill occupies an entirely different position from the other Bills alluded to. Still, I have no objection, and I

Mr. IVES.

am sure the temperance members of this House would have no objection, to those Bills all coming up together and being all discussed at one time.

Mr. SPEAKER. The order of our proceedings is regulated by our rules, and rule 24 says that all items standing on the Orders shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned to each on the Order paper; and I do not think the order can now be changed without notice. It will be in order on Wednesday of next week for the hon. member to move that the Bill first on the Order paper be not now proceeded with, but that this Bill be taken up instead. The House can then order that that should be done.

Mr. McCARTHY. Notice must be given then.

Mr. SPEAKER. No, a majority of the House will decide that.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. On the motion for considering any Order, a member can move that that Order be taken up this day six months.

Mr. BLAKE. For instance, we have the Bill of the hon. member for Cornwall and Stormont (Mr. Bergin) as the first Order; that is disposed of, and we may put that aside; but when the second Order is reached it will be for the hon. member for Lanark (Mr. Jamieson) to move that instead of that, his Bill be taken up, and the majority of the House will determine that question?

Mr. SPEAKER. Yes.

Mr. JAMIESON. I ask leave to withdraw the motion. Motion withdrawn.

#### ANNUNCIATION DAY—ADJOURNMENT.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD moved:

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Thursday next at three o'clock.

Motion agreed to.

#### TARIFF CHANGES.

Mr. BLAKE. I observe that the hon. Minister of Finance has given notice of some very important changes in the proposed tariff resolutions. I presume it is his intention to make some explanation before the House goes into committee, as to the effect of these alterations, so that the House may understand their bearing.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. It is my intention to do so.

#### DISTURBANCE IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Mr. BLAKE. I would further ask the hon. gentleman if he has additional intelligence or communication with reference to the state of affairs in Prince Albert.

Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD. The Government have no further communication.

#### ENQUIRIES FOR RETURNS.

Mr. VAIL. I would ask the Minister of Marine and Fisheries when we may expect that return with reference to the Hudson's Bay steamers' supplies?

Mr. McLELAN. Some of the staff are at work copying the account, which is very voluminous.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I would like to ask the Minister of Finance whether the return I moved for with respect to the number of depositors holding certain amounts in the savings banks is ready or when it will be ready.

Sir LEONARD TILLEY. I cannot say when it will be ready, but will make enquiries, and let the hon. gentleman know on Thursday.