

test at the Government's taking this extra time at this particular moment, and for him to make a plea for a little more time for the members of the House for their resolutions, motions, and the like. Always the experience has been that the leader of the Government pays particular heed to the plea that has been made, and in good form and with good grace he allows another week. This squares the matter and nearly everybody is satisfied and amiable and complacent. Now, I am quite willing to do that and to give my hon. friend another week, if he will agree to the motion going through in that amended form. The business of the Government is pretty well before the House, and we all want to get it done. I imagine that we who are farmers have our stock and grain, sowing and the like of that to take care of and are very anxious to get back to our farms, because although it is cold weather now, there is promise of the sun shining stronger in a very short time. I hope, therefore, that my hon. friend will accept the motion with good grace and in good form if I postpone its operation for one week more.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: We shall be thankful for small mercies if we cannot get anything better.

Mr. McKENZIE: Mr. Speaker, last year my right hon. friend who is now leading the Government made a speech very much like this one to-day, and told us to get our shoes on and be properly clad ready for going home quick. Then within a week he brought down the most elaborate business of the session, and told us that he had not meant what he said before at all. This year, I hope he means what he says.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I really have not looked up last year's Hansard to see exactly what I did say, but I remember I said something of that kind. Exigencies, however occurred last year, as they always will, in private families as well as public assemblies. I do not see on the horizon any such exigency coming up at this time.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion now reads "on Wednesday, the twenty-first of April."

Motion as amended agreed to.

REPLIES IN ENGLISH TO LETTERS IN FRENCH.

(Translation). On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. P. F. CASGRAIN (Charlevoix-Montmorency) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, I

should like to call the attention of the Acting Prime Minister to the fact that when letters are addressed in French to the different state departments, especially to the Department of Marine and Fisheries and to the Department of Trade and Commerce they are, as a general rule, answered in English. Both languages being official, the most elementary courtesy would require that the officials of those departments should answer in French the letters written to them in that language.

That is what I ask for on behalf of my constituents and every citizen of the province of Quebec who speaks no other language but French.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. member is certainly out of order in discussing a matter of this character upon the Orders of the Day. He will have his opportunity on a motion to go into Supply.

INQUIRY RE QUESTION.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. C. A. GAUVREAU (Temiscouata): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask why the first part of question 42 standing in my name on to-day's Order Paper has been struck out, and by whose authority. As it stands now the question is almost unintelligible.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will examine the question as submitted by the hon. member very carefully. I am advised by the clerk that the question as submitted contained an allegation of fact. If that be correct, the clerk was within his rights in having that portion of the question deleted. However, I will inquire into the matter and advise the hon. member more definitely later.

Mr. GAUVREAU: The alleged facts are the words of the Minister of Justice.

Mr. DOHERTY: Then they must be facts.

BOARD OF COMMERCE—INQUIRY RE CANNERS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. P. F. CASGRAIN (Charlevoix-Montmorency): I should like to call the attention of the Government to an article which appears on page 2 of to-day's Gazette. Under the heading "Canners' Probe Held Up," it is stated that the Board of Commerce feels that "until a third commissioner to the Board is appointed and the full Board of three commissioners can be in