

be no doubt as to the strength of the argument offered by the leader of the Opposition on behalf of the adoption of a reasonable insolvency measure, because we know that the credit of individuals or the credit of the country is likely to suffer from the want of a uniform insolvency law. I trust that at a later stage the House may feel in a mood to take this question up on a non-partisan basis, and to put it through as a commercial measure. There is no doubt of the great importance of this Bill, and from what I have heard from my colleagues in this House I believe there is a strong disposition in favour of some measure of this kind.

Motion to adjourn negatived.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—ADJOURNMENT FOR EASTER.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). In reply to the question put to me by the hon. leader of the Opposition yesterday, I will state that I propose to give notice that when the House adjourns on Wednesday night it stands adjourned until Tuesday.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Wednesday night at 6 o'clock?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Well, no; whenever the House adjourns on Wednesday.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION.

Mr. OLIVER. Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw attention to something which I see in "Hansard" of March 30th. The hon. member for West Assinibola (Mr. Davin), speaking on that occasion, says:

Now, my hon. friend from Alberta (Mr. Oliver), when he made his maiden speech in this House, referred to the promises that had been made by the Liberal party. I have here the words of his speech, which will be found in "Hansard" in the debate on the Address. He, relying on such promises, did not think it necessary to support my contention in regard to implements, because he said:

If it is the intention of the Government to place agricultural implements on the free list and to meet the desire of the farmers of the North-west Territories, and carry out the promises made by the Liberal candidates, and by the supporters of the Liberal candidates in the North-west Territories, why delay it? Can any reason be given for delaying?

Now, Mr. Speaker, what I did say on that occasion, as reported in "Hansard," is as follows:—

Mr. Speaker, I will tell the hon. gentleman (Mr. Davin), and I will tell the House, that there is no feeling of disappointment in the constituency that I represent, at any rate—and it contains a great many more votes than the constituency of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Davin) represents—there is no feeling of disappointment at the Address which has been delivered from the

Throne. The election which was carried in my constituency for the Government was not carried by any promises made by the leader of this Government in regard to a reduction of the duty on agricultural implements.

I called the attention of the hon. gentleman (Mr. Davin) to the fact that he attributed to me words and sentiments which I had not used, which were not reported in "Hansard," and which evidently were the words and sentiments of some one else. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Davin) instead of making the matter right at the time, threw out an insinuation that I find further on in his speech, to the effect that I had not stated a fact. It is only fair to myself that I should make this explanation.

Mr. DAVIN. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) is quite mistaken in saying that I suggested he did not state a fact. What I did do was to send at once to the Library for the "Hansard" in order to see what he said, and I told my hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) afterwards, that I quoted from the Medicine Hat "News" which attributed these words to my hon. friend (Mr. Oliver). I probably ought to have verified whether the Medicine Hat "News" had quoted him as he is reported in "Hansard," and I now find on referring to "Hansard," that my hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) is quite right and that the Medicine Hat "News" did not represent him correctly. But, I think my hon. friend (Mr. Oliver) is quite mistaken in supposing that I suggested he in any way varied from the fact; on the contrary, I sent at once for "Hansard," and if we had spoken longer than 6 o'clock I would have set the matter right, as I intend to do when the subject comes next before the House.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. OLIVER. Mr. Speaker, may I quote from "Hansard" what the hon. gentleman (Mr. Davin) said?

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman (Mr. Oliver) having made his personal explanation, it seems to me he stands in a very good position now.

THE FRANCHISE ACT

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright) moved that the House resolve itself into committee on Bill (No. 16) to repeal the Electoral Franchise Act and to further amend the Dominion Elections Act.

Mr. KAULBACH. For the want of a certain newspaper which I was unable to obtain before the second reading of this Bill, but which I obtained since, I will ask the indulgence of the House for a few moments while I offer some few words of comment.

To my mind this Bill is a very important one, not that it purports much good, but on the contrary it is liable to much evil, and