

Business of the House

Mr. Douglas: If there are any extensions of existing cable services, will they have to come back for money or have they sufficient capital on hand?

Mr. McIlraith: No, under the legislation they do not have to come back but an appropriation might be required for this purpose.

Mr. Douglas: Is there any limit on the amount of money granted under the act?

Mr. McIlraith: It is covered by section 14 of the act, and the amount of capital is \$4½ million. Money may be appropriated in any amount for capital purposes.

Mr. Churchill: Would it not be wise to leave this now in committee of the whole? We have done pretty well today, with resolution stage and first and second reading. Hon. members now will have a chance to go through the bill and study it.

Mr. McIlraith: I would be quite agreeable to that procedure. I think we have done pretty well this afternoon. However, at the same time there is a suggestion I might make. There is a national harbours board bill, and we might dispose of it.

Progress reported.

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Mr. Churchill: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the house leader to indicate the business for tomorrow.

Mr. Pickersgill: Mr. Speaker, in response to the request of the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre, I should first like to say how much I appreciate the co-operation that

has been extended today on all sides of the house, in what has been the kind of day I think none of us hope we will have to go through again for some time.

Tomorrow, as I indicated earlier in my discussions with hon. gentlemen opposite, it is proposed by the government that we should start consideration of the problem of redistribution and take first the resolution standing in my name to set up a representation commissioner. There is also a bill, of which notice has been given, in regard to which I would probably move first reading tomorrow. It is on the order paper today. Before doing either of those things, if there is no difficulty we will take the third reading of the bill respecting the Railway Act so that it could go on to the other place. I assume the redistribution measure would not go through in one day, and that would also be the business for Wednesday.

It was understood that on Thursday the house would go into committee of supply as soon as the orders of the day were reached and we would have a debate on the estimates of the Department of External Affairs. The same procedure would be followed on Friday, and we would have a debate on the estimates of the Department of National Defence. I will let hon. members know a little later in the week what second department will be available for each of those days, in case hon. members run out of things to say on the first two departments. I think however, that is an unlikely contingency.

It being five minutes after six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put.
