

be introduced it will lessen our work to a very great extent.

Hon. Mr. TAYLOR—It has been introduced.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I have not yet seen it, to know what it is. One thing I may add, that if the Government have themselves undertaken the responsibility of extending the time for the commencement and construction of those railways, they are depriving the revenue of a good deal of money, because each of these companies would have to pay a couple of hundred dollars to get a renewal, whereas a public Bill to extend the whole of them would cause the loss of that amount of money.

Some hon. GENTLEMEN—Hear, hear.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I understood the hon. gentleman from Halifax to say that a large number of Bills had been introduced that would come up for consideration. That is quite true, but if we are to be deprived of the privilege of dealing with all these railway extensions, of course there will be very little for us to do other than to deal with the important questions which have been submitted by the Government, which concern tariff and the finances of the country more than anything else.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—I move, seconded by the hon. senator from Belleville (Hon. Mr. Corby) that, pending further orders, when the Senate adjourns on Fridays it do stand adjourned until Tuesday at three o'clock.

The SPEAKER—That motion cannot be put, unless the hon. leader of the House withdraws his motion to adjourn.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I withdraw my motion.

The SPEAKER—Then the question is on the motion of the hon. senator from De Lanaudière (Hon. Mr. Casgrain).

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock.

THE SENATE.

Thursday, March 4, 1915.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

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DISCONTINUANCE OF TRANSCONTINENTAL TRAINS.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. DAVID moved:

That an humble address be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General; praying that His Royal Highness shall submit to this House copies of all petitions to the Government or any member of the same, and of all correspondence and documents in connection with the discontinuance of the trains of the Transcontinental between Abitibi and Hervey Junction.

He said: This motion has been placed on the orders of the day for Wednesday next by an error, and my notice of motion regarding the development of agricultural resources of Canada has been placed on the order paper for to-day. These two motions should have been reversed, and with the permission of the House I will now deal with the motion regarding the discontinuance of the trains of the National Transcontinental railway between Abitibi and Hervey Junction.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Do I understand that this notice of motion, which is set down for Wednesday next, was really moved for to-day?

Hon. Mr. DAVID—Yes. This question has created a good deal of sensation, especially in the province of Quebec. There is no doubt that when the mandate of Parliament to vote millions of money for the construction of the Transcontinental railway was given, it was thought that the entire line would be completed and operated. A large section of that line between Cochrane and Quebec, or Hervey Junction, which has been constructed and put into operation has been discontinued for the last six or seven months, to the great detriment of the trade, commerce, and agriculture of that region, and to the great injury of those who have settled in that district and placed their money in certain industries there. There is no doubt that a large number of the members of Parliament would not have voted for the construction of that line if it had not been stipulated, and if the Government had not consented to have that part of the line between Cochrane and Quebec, or Hervey Junction built and operated. It would be very easy to establish that fact by quoting the speeches that were made at that time by members of the Government, and members of the House, but I shall quote the declarations made by the Postmaster General, when he laid his candidature before the electors of the county