

the export duty which would leave the pulp wood at the price which they pay now—it would be a policy which would benefit the whole of Canada. Having had some knowledge of the lumber and pulp wood business I know that the price is not at present great enough to yield a very large income to the persons who are engaged in the business. They are really giving away the natural resources of the country for very little, if anything, more than the wage to which they are entitled for getting out this wood. I think it is very important that the government should take this matter into their consideration and I trust that they will see their way clear to impose such a duty.

Mr. LOGGIE. I would like to say to the hon. gentleman (Mr. Fowler) who has just spoken that there is another side to the question. Some time ago the American government attempted to retaliate because it was considered that an export duty had been placed on pulp wood shipped from the province of Ontario, and if we, as a federal parliament, attempted to put on an export duty we might naturally expect that the United States government would retaliate by putting an additional duty on our manufactured pulp and that would affect all our pulp manufacturers as well.

Mr. BERGERON. They would make the paper here.

Items 201 and 202 allowed to stand.

Some resolutions reported.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING move the adjournment of the House.

Mr. FOSTER. I understand that the government propose to go into committee of ways and means to-morrow.

Mr. FIELDING. Yes, my hon. friend the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Fisher) desired to move the third reading of his Bill. I said that if it were not to be opposed I imagined there would be no objection to that, but if it were likely to lead to any debate it would be a departure from the understanding that we had. If there is any objection to the third reading of the Bill some hon. gentlemen could intimate it to-night and we need not put it on the programme for to-morrow.

Mr. FOSTER. I think that probably there will be some objection, but as the Minister of Agriculture had such a great day of it may be ways and means could go on and we could give him a small corner of the evening in which to finish his Bill.

Mr. FIELDING. Unless some progress is agreed to the motion for ways and means will be made early to-morrow in accordance with the arrangement I had with my hon. friend this evening.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 12.15 a.m. Friday.

Mr. FOWLER.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, January 25, 1907.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY moved :

That the petitions for private Bills presented on Wednesday last, the 23rd instant, be referred under rule 87 to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders with instructions to them to consider and report.

Mr. FOSTER. I cannot understand how this motion can be sprung upon the House when the practice is that notice should be given.

Mr. L. G. McCARTHY. That point was raised yesterday and overruled.

Mr. SPEAKER. The practice has been to accept motions with regard to private Bills without notice, and perhaps under rule 38 there may be some authority for that. The rule says :

Two days notice shall be given of a motion for leave to present a Bill, resolution or address for the appointment of any committee, but this rule shall not apply to Bills after their introduction, or to private Bills, &c.

Whether or not this rule strictly applies, it seems to have been the practice to allow motions of this character in reference to private Bills to be made without notice.

Mr. HENDERSON. If this practice is to continue during the remainder of the session so that the rule will be set aside, you had better repeal the rule.

Motion agreed to.

CRIMINAL CODE, 1892—AMENDMENT, MARKING OF MILITIA STORES.

Hon. Sir FREDERICK BORDEN (Minister of Militia and Defence) moved for leave to introduce Bill (No. 85) to amend the Criminal Code, 1892.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Explain.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. The object of the Bill is to provide for the marking of militia stores.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. I would like to ask if the hon. minister is creating a new crime.

Sir FREDERICK BORDEN. No. At present, under clause 384 of the Criminal Code, there is a provision made for marking naval, military, ordnance and other stores, and it is desired simply to add other militia stores about which there might be some doubt, and make it quite clear that a certain mark—the broad arrow within the letter C—may be placed on these military stores.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. Is it a new category ?