

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I have to inform the House that the measures the government intend to introduce are the following. The Supplementary Estimates are ready, and will be brought down in a day or two. There will be railway subsidies, the Quebec Bridge legislation, some legislation necessitated by the creation of new courts in Northern Ontario, and some resolutions for extending the boundaries for the provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. These resolutions will be brought down to-day, it is expected.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Of course any early date in the present stage of the session is a pretty late date. I trust all these measures will be brought down at the earliest possible moment.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I stated that. The estimates which I said would be brought down at a very early date, are ready.

CIVIL SERVICE ACT—AMENDMENT.

House again in committee on Bill (No. 189) to amend the Civil Service Act.—Mr. Fisher.

Hon. SYDNEY FISHER (Minister of Agriculture). The third section in the reprinted Bill requires to be changed. The amendment proposed has been printed, and I think is in the hands of members. The proposal is to strike out section 3 in the reprinted Bill and substitute the following:

3. The Civil Service shall be divided into two divisions, namely, the inside service which shall consist of that part of the public service in or under the several departments of the executive government of Canada and in the offices of the Auditor General, the clerk of the Privy Council and the Governor General's Secretary, employed at the city of Ottawa, or at the experimental farm station or the Dominion astronomical observatory, near Ottawa, but not including the officers, clerks and employees employed at Ottawa in the second or outside departmental division as defined by paragraph (b) of section 4 of the Civil Service Act or in any office of a purely local character; and

The outside service which shall consist of the rest of the public service.

2. So much of this Act and of the Civil Service Act as relates to appointment, classification, salaries and promotions shall apply to the permanent officers, clerks and employees of both Houses of parliament and of the library of parliament.

This amendment is in line with what I think was the consensus of opinion in the general discussion upon this clause. The practical difference is that the general Act does not apply to the permanent officers, the clerks and employees of both Houses of parliament, and of the library of parliament, but only such parts of it apply to them as relate to appointments, classifica-

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tion, salary and promotion. There are other slight changes which were suggested by the Department of Justice to make it clear that the inside service does not include the outside service under the old Act in Ottawa.

Mr. FOSTER. What is subsection b of section 4?

Mr. FISHER. That is the definition of the outside service.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What is the reason for changing the word 'civil' to the word 'public' where public service is used?

Mr. FISHER. I found in discussing the matter, what I did not realize before, that the words 'civil service,' are used in a restricted sense, and only include those under the old Act who are defined to be civil servants.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. There is provision, is there not, that the operative sections of the statute shall not apply to the outside service?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Then there is this special provision that a certain portion of the Civil Service Act shall apply to the permanent officers, clerks and employees of parliament?

Mr. FISHER. Yes.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. The minister intends then that section 2 shall operate as concerns all exceptions to the rest of the Act which declares that the outside service shall not be included in the operation of the sections of this statute?

Mr. FISHER. That is what I should say.

Mr. FOSTER. Should the word be 'or' or 'and' after 'the city of Ottawa,' in the fifth line of the amendment? It seems to me that it should be 'and.'

Mr. FISHER. I think the word 'or' includes them all.

Mr. FOSTER. 'At the city of Ottawa' or at the 'Experimental Farm.'

Mr. FISHER. They are not in the city of Ottawa.

Mr. CLEMENTS. While there is provision made for the deputy ministers, what provision was made for the classification, for instance, of the Superintendent of Immigration? I know that personally he has a very heavy department and a great deal of work.

Mr. FISHER. Of course, I could not state positively because he is in the Department of the Interior, but I should consider that he would come under subdivision (a) of the first division, in which subdivision the salary ranges from \$2,800 to \$4,000. I know, as a matter of fact, that he is getting