

to say a word of two in regard to it. I think the occasion is both timely and opportune that we, as British subjects, should do two things, first, assure the great mother land that we, too, are watching the course of events in every portion of the British Empire, and that we are in thorough and hearty sympathy with the mother land, as the resolution brought before the House by the leaders of the two parties has shown. Also, in the second place, desire to show to those 80,000 British subjects, far away in Arica, that here on the northern half of the continent of North America, where 6,000,000 of loyal British Canadians live, we are watching the course of events there. We are in hearty accord with them and we want to let them know it, and we want to let others know it too, as it seems desirable now, apparently, that the British Empire is of one mind in every part of the world and of one feeling in regard to this question. British subjects have been deprived of the rights of citizenship which Great Britain has given in every land where her flag has waved. We in Canada have given a conspicuous example of that, because here the fullest measure of freedom and liberty has been given to those who are not British born. We may, perhaps, say that greater freedom has been given by Great Britain than by any other nation to those not native born, because we have been examples of the greatest liberality with the most successful and satisfactory results. I desire to add my word of commendation to the resolution proposed by the right hon. leader of the Government (Sir Wilfrid Laurier), seconded by the hon. member for York, N.B. (Mr. Foster).

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). Mr. Speaker, I beg to move, seconded by Mr. Foster :

That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies by the Speaker of this House.

Motion agreed to, all the members of the House rising to their feet and singing the National Anthem.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. BEATTIE. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to ask the right hon. Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier), as the session is now drawing to a close and as I do not wish to do anything to prolong it, whether he will give me a day to discuss a Bill which I have on the paper to determine the length of the working day for workmen and labourers ?

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). I will be able to confer with my hon. friend, privately, on this subject.

Mr. WALLACE.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE FOR QUEEN'S COUNTY, P.E.I.

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to ask the right hon. gentleman (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) if an appointment has been made of a county judge in Queen's County, P.E.I., to fill the place of the late Judge Alley. The vacancy has existed for a pretty long time, and in the interest of business, as the county court will meet to-morrow, it is necessary that an appointment should be made. The vacancy has existed for two months, and has seriously interfered with business interests. I would like to know from the right hon. Prime Minister whether an appointment has been, or if not when an appointment is to be made, who the party is to be ?

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). The hon. gentleman (Mr. Martin) asks if the appointment has been made, and if not when it is to be made. We have not yet made the appointment and the reason is that Her Majesty's Opposition has kept us so busy during the last few months that we have not had time for the consideration of the question that has been brought up by the hon. gentleman. But as soon as the Opposition has given us leisure to deal with the administrative part of the Government, we shall make the appointment.

Mr. MACDONALD (King's). Mr. Speaker, I may say that it is very unbecoming on the part of the Government to neglect this appointment.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. There can be no discussion at this stage.

Mr. MACDONALD (King's). Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are called, I find it necessary to refer a little more at length to the neglect of the Government in not making this appointment of a county judge for Queen's County, P.E.I.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I suppose the hon. gentleman will conclude by making a motion ?

Mr. MACDONALD (King's). I will conclude by making a motion, because this matter is important. This vacancy occurred some months ago, and there is no reason whatever why it should not have been filled. The matter has assumed, I fear, too much of a political complexion. It is a case in which politics should have no standing. The court meets to-morrow, this is the last day. It is the most important county court in Prince Edward Island, yet we find this Government, although it has occupied so much time with other more frivolous things, cannot find time to appoint a gentleman to fill this position. It is not for want of applications, because if rumour is to be believed, applications are almost innumerable on the