

Government in this House, that, as I thought, for the convenience of the members, we should have no sitting on Saturday and that a vote on the amendment before the House should be taken on Monday evening. That time was fixed for the convenience of members who were leaving town in order that they might be here in time for the vote. The question of the business of the House was also discussed, and there was no intention on this side, so far as I knew, to have any obstruction. We have not been long debating this important Bill. But it was pointed out that there was nothing else to come before the House except the Military Voters Bill. When there is no rush with the work before the Senate, it seems to me there is no necessity for crowding the work by meeting on Saturday or at 11 o'clock in the morning. There is very little on the Order Paper, and it can all be disposed of before we receive any more work from the House of Commons. We shall not receive the Franchise Bill before some time next week in any case, and it seems to me this Bill can be disposed of in very short order. I quite appreciate what the honourable leader of the Opposition has said, that his attention was not called to the question of having no other amendment moved to the Canadian Northern Bill. As a matter of fact, I heard there were to be some amendments coming from the other side of the House. I do not know whether that is correct or not. But that is the position in which we are placed, and I know that honourable gentlemen on this side left with the intention of coming back to vote on the amendment on Monday evening; in fact, I know a number of gentlemen on the other side of the House who have made pairs with other members until Monday evening.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I do not propose to have the vote take place before then, but I want to know whether it is to be a vote on the second reading of the Bill or not.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: I do not think my honourable friend is justified in accusing the honourable leader of the Opposition of breaking faith because he states that he was not approached on the question of other amendments to the Bill.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I venture to say that every honourable gentleman sitting behind me is under the impression, and the well-founded impression, that it was on the second reading of the

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Bill that the vote would be taken on Monday night; and I undertake to say that every member left here with that understanding.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: There is every possibility of the vote being taken on Monday night. What is the use of wasting our time discussing a trivial matter of this kind? The amendment will be voted on, then the alternative will be immediately the second reading—unless I, who am not responsible to either the leader of this House or the leader of the Opposition, offer a new amendment. If I feel that the interests of the country demand that I submit a new amendment, it is my business to offer it. I am not going to tie myself up in a trivial matter of this kind.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I would suggest to my honourable friend (Hon. Mr. Bostock) that the Bill go into committee the session after it receives its second reading. That would dispense with the moving of the motion to sit on Monday morning.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Yes.

Hon. Mr. WATSON: That is all right.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Then the debate will be adjourned until Monday.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: At three o'clock.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: At three o'clock. It will be the first Order of the Day, and it is understood that the Bill will be referred to committee the session after the second reading.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: The hour after, if the honourable gentleman desires.

The motion for the adjournment of the debate was agreed to.

#### MILITARY VOTERS BILL.

On the Order:

Second reading of Bill 127, the Military Voters Act, 1917.—Hon. Sir James Lougheed.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I observe that this Bill has been on the Order Paper for some time. Has my honourable friend any objection to our proceeding with it?

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: My honourable friend does not propose to take it up tonight?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: To give it a second reading.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Honourable gentlemen may want to discuss this Bill.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It is practically the product of a conference that