

By the Honourable Mr. Boulton :—

1896.

- 3 September 21—That, in the opinion of the Senate, it will result in a benefit to the trade and prosperity of the country if the taxation on sugar is removed, and the revenue accruing therefrom replaced by increasing the excise on spirits to \$2.25 per gallon, and the duty on imported spirits to \$2.50 per gallon. The result of the tax imposed in May, 1895, being a reduction of 131,000,000 pounds in the imports of sugar during the past year.

By the Honourable Mr. Kirchhoffer :—

- 4 September 22—That he will call the attention of the Senate to the impropriety of Premiers of the various Provinces receiving appointments, or employment with emoluments attached, or promises of such from the Government of Canada ; and will inquire of the Leader of the Senate if it is the intention of the Government to continue that policy ?

For Monday, 28th September, 1896.

By the Honourable Mr. Ferguson :—

- 1 September 24—That he will ask the Honourable Leader of this House whether the following words fairly set forth the policy of the Government in the treatment of employees on the Government railways and canals of Canada by the Honourable Minister of Railways and Canals :—

“ I propose to draw a distinction between permanent officials of the road, persons who are in continuous employ, as officials, and those who are simply employed as day labourers. I cannot do otherwise. It would be utterly impossible for me to administer this department, with 5,000 people employed in it, on any other principle, and I came to the conclusion that if any responsible gentleman—any member of this House, whose advice the Government would consider it safe to act upon, or any responsible candidate before the country, who had been defeated in the late election, in the interest of the Liberal party,—made representations to me that, of his own personal knowledge, persons whose names he had mentioned and who were in the employ of the Government, in the capacities I have mentioned, had taken an active part in the election, and assured me of that from his personal knowledge, on his personal honour, I would accept the statements thus made and permit the officials of the department to allow the changes to take place.”