

the soldiers from this Dominion and place them in a different position to those from the United Kingdom and from other parts of the Empire. Having in mind these considerations, I move, Mr. Speaker, that the debate upon this motion, and upon the amendment, be now adjourned.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: If the debate is to be adjourned, will my right honourable friend give us a day to take it up again?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Yes.

Mr. RICHARDSON: Probably the right honourable, the leader of the Government, would prepare a resolution worded in such a form as might be acceptable to the House, and if so, would be perfectly willing to accept it in place of my amendment.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT—DECORUM OF THE HOUSE.

On the motion of Sir Robert Borden for the adjournment of the House:

Mr. SPEAKER: I would draw the attention of honourable members to the fact that it is provided by the rules that honourable members may not leave their seats until the Speaker has left the Chair. It is hardly in conformity with the dignity of the House that the Speaker and the mace should rustle with honourable members for possession of the means of egress from this chamber.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9, 1918.

The House met at Three o'clock.

PRIVILEGE—MR. JOSEPH READ.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. JOSEPH READ (Kings): I rise to a question of privilege. I notice in the Ottawa Citizen of this morning an excerpt taken from the Hansard report of the debate on April 5, as follows:

Quebec Difficulties.

From Hansard Report, House of Commons, April 5, 1918.

Sir Sam Hughes: I am satisfied that if common sense had been exercised this trouble would not have occurred. I do not look upon it as a matter of very great importance, but it is of great importance to know what the unseen power is that has prevented these splendid boys—and there are no finer in the world—from following the dictates of their own impulses and joining the forces. What has prevented them—?

[Sir Robert Borden.]

Mr. Joseph Read: Let me tell you—bigotry.

Sir Sam Hughes: I am very sorry to hear that. I do not think these boys are actuated by bigotry; I know they are not, and I hope that the power behind them is not bigotry.

The honourable member for Victoria when he made that statement, misapprehended the methods of a good soldier because by implication he made me appear to say that these boys were actuated by bigotry. I never intended to make that assertion, and the subsequent speech which I made in the House at the end of the debate will show what I did mean. I just take this opportunity of drawing attention to it so that there will be no misapplication of what I said.

VAN BUREN BRIDGE COMPANY.

On motion of Hon. J. D. Reid (Minister of Railways) for the third reading of Bill No. 14 to confirm an agreement between His Majesty the King, and the Van Buren Bridge Company.

Mr. MICHAUD: I wish to move an amendment to the third reading of this Bill:

That all the words in the said motion after the word "that" be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

The said Bill be not now read a third time but that it be referred back to the Committee of the Whole of the House for the purpose of adding to clause 1 of said Bill the following words: Provided that the Railway Station at St. Leonards on the line now known as the International railway shall be maintained, reconstructed if destroyed and kept in operation during the term of the said agreement.

This means that the present station shall not be removed but shall remain where it is at present.

Mr. REID: Perhaps the honourable gentleman will explain what he means by that.

Mr. MICHAUD: The explanation is that the people living at St. Leonards do not wish to have the station now built on the International railway transferred to the Transcontinental railroad. They want to leave the station at the terminus of the International railway. On the second reading of the Bill I presented a petition which urges very forcibly that no change be made in case the Government leases the branch line between the Transcontinental and the International railways. In the name of the people of St. Leonards I ask the Government not to remove the station but to leave it where it is at this moment.

Mr. REID: We discussed this matter in committee and the honourable gentleman