

and Monday until my return. I gave him the list of speakers, which included: For Thursday Messrs. Broder, Bennett and Henderson; Friday, Messrs. Roche (Marquette), Alcorn, Bell, Lavell, Wilmot and Clare; for Monday, Messrs. Maclean, Fringle, Lefurgey and Pope; for Tuesday, Messrs. Kemp, Fowler, Hughes (Victoria) and Ball; and for Wednesday, Messrs. Barker and Clarke. On Friday, a side issue was interjected which occupied all the afternoon. The result was that the only speeches on our side disposed of were those of Messrs. Roche and Pope. On Monday another side issue was interjected which occupied the House until six o'clock. As soon as I got back and had a conversation with my colleague (Mr. Roche, Marquette) I went to the chief whip of the government and told him that it was impossible to get a vote on Wednesday. He put up the hon. member for South Essex, also the hon. member for Alberta (Mr. Oliver) and Mr. Lavergne (Montmagny), the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Roche), as well as the hon. member for Guysborough (Mr. Sinclair), the hon. member for Vancouver (Mr. Smith) and the hon. member for King's, P.E.I. (Mr. J. J. Hughes). These were in addition to the three names he had given me, although the Minister of Justice had not spoken. I told him it would be impossible to dispose of the vote on Wednesday. But he told me he thought we would have to get through and that he would have a consultation with the Prime Minister. On Wednesday he told me he had had that consultation and the Prime Minister had insisted on the vote being taken on Wednesday. I said I would consult the speakers on our side and cut off as many as we could; if the Prime Minister really wished to dispose of the matter, we would close it in the small hours of the morning. Then I had a consultation with him as to the speakers. He informed me that the debate must close, and we parted at that. After the hon. member for Hamilton (Mr. Barker) had spoken, we had another consultation. The hon. member for Winnipeg (Mr. Puttee) was going to follow. I asked if we could not join in going to the hon. member for Winnipeg to get him to abstain from speaking, so that we could get the vote earlier. We had that consultation with the hon. member for Winnipeg, but that hon. gentleman insisted on his right to speak. While he was speaking, you, Mr. Speaker, called me over to your chair, and in conversation with you, you suggested that if we could get the hon. member for Prince Edward (Mr. Alcorn) not to speak, we would have the vote then. While we were engaged in that conversation, the hon. member for Cumberland (Mr. Logan) came and stood at my side and we discussed taking the vote as soon as the hon. member for Prince

Edward had ended his speech. While I was listening to the hon. member for Prince Edward (Mr. Alcorn) the chief whip of the government came and told me that the Prime Minister was going to say a few words. I did not say anything, one way or the other. But, instead of the Prime Minister saying a few words, he made a speech of an hour's duration, including a strong attack on the leader of the opposition. It is hardly to be wondered at that more than one hon. gentleman on this side thought that the arrangement that had been made, was not to be carried out. As soon as I understood that the hon. member for Prince Edward (Mr. Alcorn) was to close the debate, I went to see Messrs. Bennett, Bell—Mr. Maclean was not here—Fowler, Hughes (Victoria) and Clarke and said they would have to bottle up their speeches because the government was insisting on a vote that night, and we might as well have it early. They agreed to that, believing that the vote was to be taken when the member for Prince Edward sat down. You, Mr. Speaker, I am sure, understood that that hon. gentleman was to close the debate, because you asked me not to have him speak, and we would have the division at once. When the Prime Minister 'instead of saying a few words,' made a speech of an hour, and, in the course of it assailed our leader, the hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Bell), evidently felt free to reply. So, notwithstanding the statements made by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) and the hon. member for Annapolis (Mr. Wade) that I had violated my agreement, if there was any violation at all it came from the other side. I want the Minister of Finance and the hon. member for Annapolis, and the House and the country, to understand that I have never made a bargain as whip, whether my side was in power or in opposition, but I carried it out to the letter.

Mr. WILLIAM S. CALVERT (West Middlesex). I am very glad that this question came up, because I must confess that I felt, at the time when the hon. member for Pictou (Mr. Bell) got up to speak after the Prime Minister, that the agreement entered into between the chief whip on the opposition side and myself had been broken. I can concur in what has been said by hon. gentlemen on the other side so far as the agreement about the vote was concerned. We agreed on Wednesday, a week previous that the vote should be taken on Tuesday, if possible, and at latest on Wednesday. The hon. member for South Leeds (Mr. Taylor), the chief whip on the other side, told me that this arrangement was concurred in by the leader of the opposition. The hon. gentleman blames us for having extra speakers. We did have the hon. member for South Essex (Mr. Cowan) and the hon. member for King's P.E.I. (Mr. J. J. Hughes) but, on the