

be moved into Committee of Supply, I would move an amendment having for its object the abolition of the bonus system.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). If my hon. friend will agree with me I will arrange a date privately with him if he wants to have an opportunity of discussing this matter.

Mr. MONK. There would be no difficulty in so far as I am personally concerned, but knowing that the House was going to be moved into Committee of Supply to-day I informed a number of hon. members who wish to speak upon this subject that the discussion would take place to-day. It seems to be an inconvenient custom to introduce into this House that supporters of the government, without giving notice, should be able to arrange for a discussion, presumably of an amicable character, just at the stage when the House is moved into Committee of Supply. It is the proper moment, as I understand it, to air grievances, and it is for that reason that I would be rather disposed to insist upon what appears to be my right.

Mr. FIELDING. I think there have been several motions for Supply since my hon. friend gave that intimation, if I am not mistaken.

Mr. MONK. I beg my hon. friend's pardon. I think there was only one motion to go into Supply which was made in order to vote a certain amount of Supply to meet the pressing needs of the fiscal year ending on the 31st March.

Mr. FIELDING. I have not turned up the dates and I cannot contradict my hon. friend, but my impression is that there have been several motions to go into Supply. Therefore, the hon. gentleman has had an opportunity to bring this matter up. In regard to the motion to-day all that happened was what very often happens; if an hon. gentleman desires to deal with any given question he asks when the House is going to be moved into Committee of Supply and he intimates that he will bring the matter up. This question was mentioned last night in connection with the business of the House. I would suggest that unless the hon. gentleman wishes to speak on this question he can bring forward his motion after the earlier discussion has taken place.

Mr. MONK. I do not think that any motion to go into Committee of Supply has been moved since I gave this notice except the one to which I have just referred.

Mr. FIELDING. I have not looked up the dates, but I am under that impression. However, my hon. friend may be right.

Mr. MONK. My hon. friend here beside me informs me that the hon. gentleman who intends to discuss this question has a notice of motion on the paper.

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Mr. FIELDING. In his absence yesterday another hon. gentleman struck it off at his request in order that he might be able to bring it up on the motion to go into Supply.

Mr. SPROULE. And before it was struck off the paper my hon. friend who has just taken his seat (Mr. Monk) gave notice that the first time the House was moved into Committee of Supply he would bring his motion forward.

Mr. FIELDING. No.

Mr. SPROULE. That is my understanding.

Mr. FIELDING. The hon. member for Jacques Cartier (Mr. Monk) did not say the first time that the House was moved into Committee of Supply; he said that upon a future occasion when the House was moved into Committee of Supply he would bring the matter up. He simply intimated an intention to bring forward his motion but he did not say that he would do so on the first motion to go into committee.

Mr. MONK. I have just been looking over 'Hansard' and I cannot find it, but my recollection is that I gave notice that the first time the House was moved into Committee of Supply, if I could conveniently present this motion, I would do so.

Mr. FIELDING. Yes.

Mr. MONK. My impression is that the motion to go into Supply has only been made on one occasion.

Mr. FIELDING. I do not attach enough importance to it to look it up, but I remember that the hon. gentleman gave notice that if the House was going to be moved into Supply on a particular evening he preferred not to go on.

Mr. MONK. But it was not moved.

Mr. FIELDING. If the House should be moved into Supply on that evening.

Mr. MONK. It was not moved into Supply on that occasion. I think it is a very inconvenient custom which does not exist in England to arrange for the discussion, at the moment when the House is moved into Committee of Supply, of some question chosen by a supporter of the government upon which there is some extente cordiale. It removes from members on the opposition side of the House the opportunity of engaging in the discussion of grievances.

Mr. FIELDING. I can only say that in so far as an arrangement being made with an hon. gentleman supporting the government is concerned, it is a common occurrence for an hon. gentleman on either side of this House to come to a minister and ask when the motion for Supply will next be made, as he desires to avail himself of the opportunity to call attention to a particular sub-