

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—We have not the slightest objection to accede to the suggestion of my hon. friend, if it is the desire of the House, that Tuesday should be substituted for Monday, and that the adjournment should be until eight o'clock instead of three in the afternoon of Tuesday. With regard to the Manitoba school question, I am glad that my hon. friend reads with such care what appears in the Reform newspapers. In this instance he has read them more carefully than I have myself, for I did not happen to read what my hon. friend has told us appeared there; but he is hurrying the matter a little too fast. We did not undertake, and did not expect to be able, to have everything settled by this session, but we do hope that before another session the question will be removed out of our way.

Hon. Mr. MASSON—Then what has appeared in the papers, that it has been settled, is not the case?

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—The question is not settled, but we have no doubt it will be finally settled. We are on the way to it, and I think if we accomplish a settlement, my hon. friend will consider it a good work, although we may not be ready this session to report.

The motion was amended to adjourn until Tuesday next at eight o'clock, and agreed to.

The Senate then adjourned.

### THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Tuesday, August 25th, 1896.*

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Eight o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

### BILL INTRODUCED.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED introduced Bill (A) "An Act respecting the payment of policies of insurance by foreign corporations," and moved that the same be read the first time.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I think the practice in this House, and in the other also, is not

to introduce bills until after the Speech from the Throne has been answered.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN—Soon after Sir John Abbott became leader of this House, I remember he introduced a bill before the Speech from the Throne was answered, and it was objected to then, that it was irregular to do so. I consulted the law clerk of the other House about it, and he informed me that it was, at all events, contrary to usage.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I am quite willing that the bill should lie on the table until the address is disposed of.

### THE LATE SENATORS READ AND SIR DAVID MACPHERSON.

Hon. Sir OLIVER MOWAT—Before the Orders of the Day are called, it would be conformable to the custom of this House that occupying the position I hold I should say a word or two in regard to those Senators who have gone to their long rest since the last session of the House. Two hon. members of this House have died since you last met here together. I have myself succeeded one of them, the Hon. Mr. Read. I had very little personal acquaintance with him. I am not quite sure that I met him more than once in my life, and that was within two or three years of his death. At the same time, I know from repute that he was highly thought of in his own locality, and wherever else he was known, for the sterling qualities which he possessed, and as a politician he had a very large influence. Other hon. gentlemen more familiar with him than I am, and who met with him here in the Senate, will be able to speak more fully on the subject than I can. The death of the other hon. member to whom I refer—Sir David Macpherson—has occurred within a very few days. He was a strong politician too, and those whose politics were the same as his own have special reasons for regarding him very highly indeed. But I know something of him too; I knew something of him in business; I knew something of him socially, I knew something of him in other respects; likewise, and I learned to form a very high opinion of his ability. It was far beyond the average. His intellect was exceptionally clear; he was a very active man; and a very influential man in every matter in which he