

is a very important Bill, and which will necessitate very considerable discussion. There will be read to-day, and placed on the Order Paper for second reading, the Military Voters Bill and the Canadian Northern Railway Company Bill. These are measures which will involve considerable discussion. It is therefore desirable that, if we can accelerate the various steps through which they have to go, we should do so. I am not going to ask the House to invoke unnecessarily the suspension of its rules, nor am I going to ask it to sit more than is absolutely necessary; but it seems to me desirable that we should get through as soon as possible, particularly in view of the fact that there is only one measure to detain the Commons. I am not going to ask the House to sit morning and afternoon unless it becomes necessary; at the same time I should like very much to have the rule suspended, so that if there is a pressure of business, we shall be able to do so.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: The motion says that we shall sit to-morrow morning.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: We can adjourn until the afternoon.

Hon. Mr. THOMPSON: Does the honourable gentleman think it quite right that the committees should sit while the two important Bills which he has mentioned are being discussed?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I should be very glad to take that point into consideration. I am not going to ask the House to sit unless it is absolutely necessary.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: The honourable gentleman has stated that there is only one measure before the House of Commons to retard prorogation—the Franchise Act. Am I correct in that? If so, I have to say that if I were a member of the House of Commons the Franchise Act would not pass until the 8th of October. If that is the only measure that is going to retard prorogation, my advice to the House of Commons is to retard its passage until the 8th of October. It is unfortunate that the House of Commons has not availed itself of its privileges to retard legislation which is diametrically opposed to the principles of government in Canada. If I had half a dozen men around me the Senate would not prorogue until the 8th of October. Unfortunately I am alone.

Hon. Mr. POWER: The honourable gentleman from Victoria is something like Casabianca—he stands alone. I think it is

not usual to move the motion which has been moved by the honourable the leader of the Government quite as early as this. The Commons are not sitting in the morning yet, and, while there might be no very great objection to suspending other rules which require notice, I think the honourable gentleman might agree to let the motion with respect to morning sittings stand until to-morrow or the day after.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: We will not sit to-morrow morning.

Hon. Mr. POWER: The Railway Committee has a very important meeting to-morrow.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I have no intention of asking the House to sit in the morning unless it becomes absolutely necessary. It is my intention to move that when the House adjourns it adjourn until to-morrow afternoon.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE: I think it would be safer if the honourable gentleman would take that motion off the Order Paper. The honourable the leader of the Government looks very kind, but he may not always be so kind. He may insist upon meeting at 11 o'clock in the morning. I think it would be better if the leader of the Government were kind enough to drop it. I oppose the motion, and will vote against it.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: The honourable the leader of the Government may perhaps amend it, and satisfy everybody by putting off morning sittings until Wednesday or Thursday.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I will move that the word "Wednesday" be substituted for the word "Tuesday."

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: This is what I call Senate closure.

The motion, amended as proposed, was agreed to.

Hon Sir JAMES LOUGHEED moved:

That from, and inclusive of to-day, and until the end of the Session, rules 23f, 24a, b, d, e and h, 63, 119, 129, 130, and 131 be suspended in so far as they relate to Public or Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Does my honourable friend purpose to proceed with this motion to-day?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: We will let it stand, but I may say that I will move this motion with reference to certain Bills which will come up. For instance, I expect that the Insurance Bill will be up to-day,