

friend from Quebec Centre (Hon. Mr. Cauchon) whether it would not be well to alter his motion. He could not see any reason why the policeman should be brought here on Friday. He was in attendance, and when he was required to prove a distinct and independent fact, he thought he should be called.

The SPEAKER thought the motion was quite in order. It was almost an everyday practice to entirely defer the orders of the day in order to proceed with some other matter.

Mr. PALMER moved an amendment that the first order of the day be postponed till tomorrow, and then be the first order of the day.

Hon. Mr. DORION said he thought the object of the motion of his hon. friend from Quebec Centre would be obtained by postponing the three orders until tomorrow instead of Friday.

Hon. Mr. CAUCHON: I have no object to that.

Hon. Mr. DORION said Mr. Clarke would be here tomorrow at half-past seven, and Friday might be an inconvenient day if the financial statement was to be then made.

Mr. BOWELL said he objected to the postponement of the second and third orders at all; in the first place, because the matter might have been taken up last week, and secondly, because there was no connection between the examination of Mr. Clarke and that of Detective Hamilton. He did not object to the postponement of the examination of Mr. Clarke until tomorrow or next day.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON moved an amendment to the amendment that the first, second and third order of the day be postponed until tomorrow, then to stand as the first, second and third orders of the day.

The amendment to the amendment was carried on a division.

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THE BUDGET SPEECH

Hon. Mr. CARTWRIGHT said he desired to mention to the House that when he intimated in reply to his hon. friend the member for Châteauguay (Hon. Mr. Holton) that he would make his budget speech on Friday, he made it expressly dependent on his being able to put the estimates into hands of hon. members of the House today; and that, as he then told the House, was always a matter of doubt, as there was a difficulty in getting these masses of figures through the printer's hands. As he had not been able to get a revised copy of the estimates yet, he must perforce postpone the budget announcement from Friday.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON thought it would be desirable that it should be understood that the orders would be taken on each day after these which had precedence had been disposed of—that is, that on Government days, if the Government orders were got through with at a reasonable hour, private orders should be taken up, and that on private members' days Government orders should be taken up after the private orders had been disposed of. In that way the Government would be able to get their measures advanced at least a

formal stage nearly every day in the early part of the session.

Unless this course were adopted, he doubted whether his hon. friend, the Minister of Finance, would be able to get on with his statement as soon as he anticipated, as judging by the Speech from the Throne it was to be apprehended that the statement would have to be made in Committee of Ways and Means, and not in Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE quite agreed with the hon. member for Châteauguay (Hon. Mr. Holton) and remarked that the hon. gentleman had recommended a similar course from the other side of the House last year. If it were agreeable to the House, the system would be adopted in the future. That was to have all the orders printed every day till they reached the end of the paper, whether Government orders or private orders had precedence.

After a few words from Hon. Mr. Holton,

The House adjourned at half-past five o'clock.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE—That he will on Friday move for leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act respecting the Intercolonial Railway.

Mr. BIGGAR—That he will enquire of the Government on Friday next whether it is the intention of the Government to place a sum in the Estimates for the purpose of improving Presqu'Île Harbour, on Lake Ontario.

Mr. CAMERON (Ontario South)—On Friday next—Address for returns showing the amounts expended by the several Local Governments on all harbours, piers, and breakwaters in the Dominion prior to 1867, and since July 1867 by the Dominion Government; and also the amount expended on all such works by any local companies, municipal authorities, Railway Companies, Harbour Commissioners, or any other Companies or persons, before or since July 1st, 1867.

Mr. McCALLUM—That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying to cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence, if any, between Government and G. Neilson & Co., contractors for enlarging and deepening the harbour of Port Colborne, on Lake Erie, in reference to said contract; also a statement giving the number of yards of rock removed and the quantity of other work done by the said contractors on the said harbour, and the amount of money paid the said contractors for such work, and the length of time occupied in doing the said work by the said contractors; and, further, a statement giving the number of yards of rock yet to be removed, and the amount of other work necessary to be done to complete the said harbour suitable for entrance to the Welland Canal and Lake Erie when enlarged and the amount of money required to complete the said harbour.

Mr. De COSMOS—On Friday next—That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General praying that a