

a second time. This is a measure of far more importance than any other that has been submitted to the House, and it is unfair to ask the French members from Quebec, who are not all quite conversant with English, to come to a reasoned decision on such an important and momentous document as this when they have not the opportunity of reading it in their own language.

Sir HERBERT AMES: The revised draft of the Covenant of the League of Nations, printed in both French and English and known as sessional paper 93B, of last session, has been available for several months, and any member can get a French or English copy of the Covenant by sending to the Distribution Office.

Mr. SPEAKER: This discussion is technically not in order, but owing to the importance of the subject I have not felt disposed to interrupt it. We cannot, however, have a debate within a debate. It should be determined whether the present debate ought to be adjourned or not.

Mr. DEVLIN: Any member can raise a point of order on the subject, and it is well to let it go on as it is.

Mr. CANNON: I have not had an answer from the Prime Minister, and I wish to say that if the resolution is brought in again and a French text is not placed in the hands of every member of the House, I will raise a point of order, and, according to the rules, it will be sustained.

Mr. McKENZIE: I beg to move, seconded by the hon. member for Shelbourne and Queen's (Mr. Fielding), that the debate be adjourned.

Motion agreed to.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I am content to adjourn over to-morrow until Thursday at three o'clock, and I hope my hon. friends will be prepared to go on then. Meantime, I shall communicate with the leader of the Opposition. With the consent of the House I will move that when the House adjourns this day it stand adjourned until Thursday at three o'clock.

Mr. BELAND: What will be the order of business on that day? Will it be the debate on the Address or the debate on the resolution?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Just as my hon. friends prefer. I should prefer to go on with this.

Mr. BELAND: I think it would be preferable to go on with the Address.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I will confer with my hon. friend the leader of the Opposition.

Motion agreed to

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, the House adjourned at 5.55 p.m. until Thursday at 3 p.m.

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The House met at Three o'clock.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION.

Mr. SPEAKER: I beg to present a communication from His Excellency the Governor-General approving of a Minute of the Privy Council appointing Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State; Hon. John Dowsley Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals; Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization; and Hon. A. L. Sifton, Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purpose, and under the provisions, of the eleventh chapter, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, entitled, "An Act Respecting The House of Commons."

REPORTS AND PAPERS.

Copy of despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 7th August, 1919, relative to a resolution of this House with respect to the conferring of titles of honour on British subjects resident in Canada.—Sir Robert Borden.

THANKSGIVING DAY ACT.

Mr. ISAAC E. PEDLOW (Renfrew South) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, respecting Thanksgiving Day.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: What is the purport of the Bill?

Mr. PEDLOW: As the House is well aware, this Bill was introduced by me at the last session of this Parliament, and on its first reading on the 9th of April last, I explained its purport. The Bill has a two-fold object; first, to set aside Armistice day as a day of special thanksgiving in the years to come and as a perpetual memorial of the victorious conclusion of the world-war; second, to establish a set day each year on a certain day of the week in the month of November, so that the commercial life of the country will not be unduly disturbed by the uncertainty of the date as has been the case heretofore. It is not my intention at the present time to explain at greater length the provisions of