

charged and that it be placed on the orders of the day for Thursday, March 11th.

The motion was agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Before the motion of adjournment is put I would like to draw the attention of the hon. leader of the Government to the condition of business in this House. We seem to have very little business before us, and our hon. friend should give us some idea of what business the Government proposes to put before this House for discussion. Parliament met on the 4th of February, and to-morrow it will be a month since we commenced business, yet, so far, we have had no Government measures brought down to this House for our consideration. I am sure hon. gentlemen on both sides of the House are very anxious to do all they can to give proper and earnest consideration to the measures the Government wish to put before us for the benefit of the country, and we would like to have those measures brought down as quickly as possible.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—Before the hon. leader of the Government replies, might I remind him that, for many sessions back, it has been the practice to give notice at the beginning of our regular sittings, that until otherwise ordered, when the Senate adjourns on Friday it should stand adjourned until Tuesday at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I presume that this is the moment when I have to make the usual sessional statement as to the regrettable position in which the Government is placed, of not being able to furnish the Senate with work. Very fortunately, conditions furnish an excuse from session to session, so that one can always find something to say or some reason to advance why we are not kept continuously engaged. This session, as hon. gentlemen know, is one in which both war and financial measures will absorb the entire time of Parliament, and that no general legislation is being brought down. In the very nature of things it is difficult to furnish an active and energetic body like the Senate with work for every day of the session.

Some hon. GENTLEMEN—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I am glad to say, however, that I have been holding in reserve the very important question that has been just asked by my hon. friend in regard

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to the Tuesday adjournment. In the event of the Government not being able to furnish the Senate with more important legislation there is always this question to discuss—the adjournment from Friday until Tuesday. I am sorry that my hon. friend the leader of the Opposition omitted to consider that very important subject, and that it lay with my hon. friend from Montreal to suggest it. Now, the precedent which we had invariably followed in the Senate as to this Tuesday adjournment has been to throw the responsibility on gentlemen who live in Montreal, or Toronto, or at intermediate points—so that I most willingly place that responsibility upon the shoulders of those hon. gentlemen, and I have no doubt that before Friday next we will hear from them by way of a notice of motion.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I think the hon. gentleman from De Lanaudière (Hon. Mr. Casgrain) misses sight of the fact that there is other business for the Senate to transact besides the measures which the Government send up from the other House. To-morrow at least three committees of the Senate will meet for the transaction of business, and that business has to be transacted, and I think we shall really find, after to-morrow, probably enough to do in dealing with the business in this House without troubling ourselves as to the Government measures just now. They will come, in due time, and I have no doubt they will receive most impartial and favourable consideration in this House. I do not, however, object to the adjournment until Tuesday.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—I might remind hon. gentlemen that while we are speaking of having nothing to do the package of Bills on my desk is increasing rapidly all the time; I do not think we have dealt with any of them as yet.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Are they Commons Bills?

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—Commons Bills.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—With reference to the number of Bills to which the hon. Senator from St. John (Hon. Mr. Daniel) has called attention, if the newspaper reports are correct the Minister of Justice has intimated his intention of introducing a Bill to extend all the applications for railway charters. Now, the most of the Bills that I have seen coming from the Commons are of that character, and if this Bill is to