

Mr. CALVERT. Suppose a man is member of several committees, he can only attend one at a time.

Mr. SPROULE. What is meant by attending the service? A good many are of the opinion that it is the religious service which is meant.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. It means the daily work.

Mr. SPROULE. That is my opinion but some hold that it is the religious service. But there are many members who have that opinion.

On section 25,

The ordinary daily routine of business in the House shall be as follows:

Presenting petitions.
Reading and receiving petitions.
Presenting reports by standing and special committees.

Motions.

Introduction of private Bills.

Introduction of public Bills.

The order of business for the consideration of the House, day by day, after the daily routine, shall be as follows:

Monday.

Private Bills.

Questions.

Notices of motions.

Public Bills and orders.

Government notices of motions.

Government orders.

Tuesday.

Government notices of motions.

Government orders.

Public Bills and orders.

(From eight o'clock p.m.)

Private Bills for the first hour.

Questions.

Notices of motions.

Wednesday.

Questions.

Notices of motions.

Public Bills and orders.

Government notices of motions

Government orders.

Thursday.

(First four weeks of session.)

Questions.

Public Bills and orders.

Notices of motions.

Government notices of motions.

Government orders.

(After expiration of four weeks.)

Questions.

Government notices of motions.

Government orders.

Public Bills and orders.

Notices of motions.

Friday.

Government notices of motions.

Government orders.

Public Bills and orders.

Questions.

Notices of motions.

(From eight o'clock p.m.)

Private Bills for the first hour.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The changes here are that the order for private Bills for an hour is transferred from Wednesday to Tuesday. The order of the day for Thursday shall be:

Questions, public Bills and orders, notices of motions, government notices of motions, government orders.

After the first four weeks of the session the order will be:

Questions, government notices of motions, government orders, public Bills and orders, notices of motions.

That is to say that after the first four weeks of the session, Thursday will become a government day without a motion to that effect.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I may say so far as Thursday is concerned, that it was proposed to make that a government day from the commencement of the session. Finally it was agreed that instead of doing that, Thursday should remain as it is for the first four weeks of the session and then should be a government day without formal motion made. It is usually done now by formal motion. The reason for that was that the government work is taking so large a proportion of the time of the House as compared with what it did formerly that some change seemed to be necessary and this was agreed upon as a compromise between the different ideas of members of the committee.

Mr. SPROULE. Under this we may be confronted with the dilemma as we were when the Yukon railway was under consideration of having the government declare that a debate shall be continued from day to day so that the private members' days would be taken up during the four weeks.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The observations of the leader of the opposition (Mr. R. L. Borden) answer fully the remarks of the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule). In former years there was a great deal of private legislation and legislation introduced by private members, but of late years both here and in Great Britain the tendency has been to put on the government the responsibility of all legislation and my hon. friend (Mr. Sproule) as an old member knows that formerly the time on private members' days was fully occupied with private business, but of late years again and again the paper has been exhausted and we have gone to government business.

Mr. LANCASTER. Thursday is now the only day on which a public Bill is sure to be reached. On Mondays and Wednesdays they come only after notices of motion which frequently involve long debates and so public Bills are not sure to be reached on those days. Notices of motion may