

On motion of Mr. Fournier (Hull), for Mr. St. Laurent, it was resolved,—That on Wednesday, June 25, 1952, and every Wednesday thereafter, and on Saturday, June 28, 1952, and every Saturday thereafter, until the end of the present session, the sittings of the House shall in every respect be under the same rules as are now provided for other days under the Special Order passed Friday, June 13, 1952; and also that the Order of Business and Procedure on Saturdays shall be the same as on Thursdays.

The Order being read for the second reading of Bill No. 347, An Act to authorize the Government of Canada to enter into Agreements with the Governments of the Provinces pursuant to which, in return for compensation, the Provinces agree to refrain from levying certain taxes for a limited period;

Mr. Abbott moved,—That the said Bill be now read the second time.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

The said Bill was accordingly read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported without amendment;

By leave of the House, the said Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order being read for the second reading of Bill No. 346, An Act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways System during the calendar year 1952, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway Company;

Mr. Abbott moved,—That the said Bill be now read the second time.

And a Debate arising thereon;

The Honourable Member for Temiscouata (Mr. Pouliot), having spoken for forty minutes, was advised by Mr. Deputy Speaker that he had exhausted his speaking time. Whereupon, Mr. Pouliot raised the Point of Order that, having risen immediately following the putting of the motion of the Minister for second reading of the above Bill, he was entitled under Standing Order 37, to speak beyond forty minutes.

Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled that in order to come within the provisions of Standing Order 37, which reads as follows:—

37. No member, except the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, or a Minister moving a Government Order and the member speaking in reply immediately after such Minister, or a member making a motion of "No Confidence" in the Government and a Minister replying thereto, shall speak for more than forty minutes at a time in any debate. A Member, when speaking "in reply" must speak "in opposition" to the motion. The honourable Member was not doing so and accordingly was not speaking "in reply" within the provisions of Standing Order 37 as understood by him nor was it in accordance with the Ruling of Mr. Speaker Lemieux, which is to be found in the Journals of the House, Volume 66, 1929, page 394. The honourable Member, having exhausted his forty minutes, therefore could not speak any longer.