

with such business on Saturday from eleven o'clock to one and from three to six, a matter of five hours, in which we might dispose of a good deal of business. I thank the right hon. gentleman for his suggestion and will act accordingly.

Mr. LAPOINTE: It is sometimes urged that the members from the province of Quebec go home on Saturday. I rise to say that the Quebec members will be pleased to stay here this Saturday and sit.

Mr. BENNETT: I apprehend my hon. friend speaks for the opposition.

Mr. GARDINER: I shall be very pleased to consult with my colleagues with regard to the suggestion of the Prime Minister and will see him later.

SITTING ON VICTORIA DAY

Hon. W. D. EULER (North Waterloo): May I ask the Prime Minister whether it is proposed that the house should sit on Tuesday, the anniversary of the Queen's birthday?

Mr. BENNETT: Yes.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. ERNEST LAPOINTE (Quebec East): May I ask the right hon. the Prime Minister whether the hon. member for Argenteuil (Sir George Perley) will be home before the end of the session and give us a report on the proceedings at the Disarmament conference?

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): He sails on Saturday. Whether or not this house is then in session will depend upon the conduct of public business.

CONVERSION LOAN

REFERENCE TO STATEMENT BY THE HON. MEMBER FOR SHERBROOKE

On the orders of the day:

Hon. E. N. RHODES (Minister of Finance): Some time ago I directed the attention of the house to an observation made by my hon. friend from Sherbrooke (Mr. Howard) in the course of his remarks upon the budget. Since then my hon. friend has been absent and I trust that he has enjoyed a delightful holiday in one of the most beautiful spots on earth. Now that he has returned from Bermuda I trust that he will take a more charitable view of political opponents than is indicated by the language he used on that occasion. In case his memory requires to

be refreshed I would refer him to page 1994 of Hansard where he made the assertion that members of the government had failed to convert their bonds while calling upon the public to do so.

Mr. HOWARD: I did not say that.

Mr. RHODES: The exact words used by my hon. friend were:

Insiders of this government did not convert their bonds.

Mr. LAPOINTE: I am afraid I have to raise the same point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SPEAKER: What is the point of order?

Mr. LAPOINTE: The point of order is that no objection was taken to these words at the time and my hon. friend has no right to bring the matter up now.

Mr. SPEAKER: I ruled on that point of order some days ago to the effect that the hon. member for Sherbrooke had a right to make an explanation if he chose. It is not a case of objecting to words because they are unparliamentary in form, in which case objection would have to be taken at the time. But this is a different set of circumstances altogether.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Yes, but the minister cannot take exception to them now.

Mr. SPEAKER: It is entirely up to the hon. member for Sherbrooke.

Mr. BENNETT: The matter which has been spoken to by the Minister of Finance is one that has given some concern to some of my colleagues and if it is impossible for the hon. member for Sherbrooke to make any statement with respect to the matter I will give formal notice that it be referred to the committee on privileges and elections. Some of my colleagues feel very keenly about it.

Mr. LAPOINTE: You have no right to do that either.

Mr. BENNETT: I have, and I have exercised it.

Mr. LAPOINTE: Oh, of course—dictatorship.

Mr. BENNETT: No, common decency.

Mr. LAPOINTE: The rules of the house are there.

Mr. CASGRAIN: The Speaker gave his ruling.

Mr. RHODES: Are we to understand that the hon. member for Sherbrooke desires his language to stand?