

ADJOURNMENT—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. FIELDING. I understand that the next motion in order is one which, if entered upon, will lead to a protracted debate. It has been suggested that we do not enter upon it to-night and I would move the adjournment of the House.

Mr. TAYLOR. When will the correspondence between the Prime Minister and Mr. Justice Cassels, promised for to-day, be brought down?

Mr. FIELDING. If the Prime Minister is not here to-morrow I shall make inquiry for it. I have no doubt it will be brought down to-morrow.

Mr. TAYLOR. What business will be taken up to-morrow?

Mr. FIELDING. A motion for Supply will be made. I understand the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Knowles) desires to discuss the Hudson's Bay Railway and this motion for Supply will be made to afford an opportunity to discuss that subject as well as to go into Supply later.

Motion (Mr. Fielding) agreed to and House adjourned at 10.25 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, April 7, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 151) respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company.—Mr. Crawford.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved:

That from this date to the end of the session, government orders have precedence on Mondays immediately after questions to be put by members.

Mr. SPROULE. As there are some sixty-five orders on the Order Paper, Public Bills and Orders, and as this will preclude the possibility of dealing with any of these without the consent of the government, I would ask if I could not have an opportunity of passing the motion which I ineffectually endeavoured to have passed some time ago, when the First Minister moved the adjournment of the debate. I submit that the motion is a reasonable one; a similar motion was moved on a previous occasion in this House without opposition and I hold the printed copy of it here. This motion really goes farther than my motion. As the

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matter is of importance not only to myself but to both parties as the return would do no injustice I would ask the First Minister to consent to the passing of my motion.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). I am sorry to say that there are several members who have motions or Bills which they would like to have an opportunity to bring to the attention of the House. However, we have come to the period of the session when this motion taking Monday for government business is usually passed. If my hon. friend will allow the matter to stand, perhaps he and I can settle it.

Motion (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) agreed to.

THOMAS D'ARCY MCGEE.

Mr. THOMAS CHISHOLM. As this is the 40th anniversary of the death of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, I would like to know what steps the government are likely to take in regard to the fulfilment of a promise made by the hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) on the 25th April last year in respect to the erection of a monument to his memory?

Hon. W. S. FIELDING (Minister of Finance). The matter will receive the consideration of the government in connection with the coming estimates.

INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. When may I expect the return for which I moved in connection with the cost to date and the estimated future cost of the eastern division of the National Transcontinental Railway?

Hon. G. P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals). I asked my department to rush that return and also directed them to comply with the request of my hon. friend to include in the return anything that was embraced in the question which he withdrew.

Mr. PORTER. When may I expect the return ordered on January 15, with reference to royal commissions appointed by the government since 1896?

Mr. CROCKET. When may I expect a return moved for on December 18 for a statement showing the post office services in the different counties of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick?

Hon. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX (Postmaster General). I have the returns for several counties ready and expect that the remainder will be ready in a few days. Probably next week I shall be able to lay the papers on the table of the House.

Mr. MONK. I beg to renew a notice which I gave some time last month that on the first opportunity when the House should