

Mr. Dickey, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Defence Production, presented,—Return to an Order of the House of April 2, 1952, for a Return showing:—1. What has been the total expenditure for rugs and carpets in every department of government, since the first day of January, 1951?

2. Of these expenditures, what was the value of the purchases for the Department of National Defence?

Mr. St. Laurent, seconded by Mr. Drew, moved,—That when this House rises at 1.00 o'clock, p.m., this day, it shall resume its sitting at 2.00 o'clock, p.m., and that in the place of the usual intermission from 6.00 to 8.00 o'clock, p.m., there shall be an intermission from 4.00 to 8.00 o'clock, p.m., this day.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

Mr. Fournier (Hull), seconded by Mr. Mayhew, moved,—That Part I of the Report of the Special Committee on House Procedure presented to the House on Friday, June 27, 1952, be now concurred in; and that the provisions of Part I of the said Report become effective at the next session of Parliament.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was concurred in, and is as follows:—

PART I

Your Committee recommends the following changes in the Standing Orders of the House of Commons:

1. That Standing Order 2 be amended by striking out the words "3 o'clock" and substituting the words "2.30 o'clock" in the first paragraph thereof.
2. That Standing Order 7 be amended by striking out the words "At eleven" and substituting the words "At ten" in the first line thereof.
3. That Standing Order 15 be amended:
 - (a) by striking out the words "(From eight to nine o'clock p.m.)" appearing under the headings "Tuesday (Government Day)" and "Friday (Government Day)", in paragraph (3) and substituting therefor the words "(From five to six o'clock p.m.)" in both instances.
 - (b) by striking out the words "9 o'clock" in paragraph (4) and substituting therefor the words "6 o'clock".

The Bill No. 393, An Act to readjust the Representation in the House of Commons, was again considered in Committee of the Whole;

And the House continuing in Committee;

Pursuant to Special Order made this day, at four o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and left it, to resume the same at eight o'clock, p.m.