ADJOURNMENT—THE BUDGET SPEECH — Con.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)-262.

Can the Prime Minister give us any information as to the probable time when the Bill for the establishment of the Northwest provinces will be ready?-262.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) -262.

The Bill referred to could probably be introduced during the second week in February-262-3.

ADJOURNMENT-THE BUDGET SPEECH.

On motion to adjourn Mr. R. L. Borden presses for information *re* the budget speech; Mr. Fielding's announcement after the conclusion of the Autonomy debate-4920.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)-4920.

Asks information as to the date of the budget speech-4920.

Fielding, Hon. W. S. (Minister of Finance)-4920.

It is not contemplated to make any announcement till the conclusion of the present debate-4920.

ADJOURNMENT—CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

On the motion to adjourn, Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a statement with reference to the filling of the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. Mr. Blair of the chairmanship of the Railway Commission-54.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)-56.

- Asks for explanation of method for retrying cases heard before the resignation of the chairman of Commission-56.
- Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) -55.
 - The position has been offered to an eminent member of the Supreme Court; must wait until first week in February before he can properly consider our application; moves adjournment-55. Has no information regarding cause of Mr. Blair's resignation-57.

Maclean, W. F. (South York)-55.

The right hon. gentleman should have made some explanation to the House and country in connection with the resignation of the late chairman of the Railway Commission-55. It is not good policy to shift the highest judicial officers from one court to another-56. It is incumbent on the right hon. gentleman to defend the occupant of that office and to protect the honour of the office-57.

A.JOURNMENT-EASTER.

Inquiry as to the arrangements, Foster, Hon. G. E. (North Toronto)-4375. ADJOURNMENT-EASTER-Con.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)-4375. Asks as to the arrangements for the Easter recess-4375.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)-4458. Asks if the limits of the Easter recess have been fixed-4458.

- Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) -4458.
 - Will perhaps be able to answer to-morrow -4375.

Will adjourn on Wednesday to the following Thursday-4458.

Moves the adjournment; will rise at six o'clock to-morrow night-4750.

- ADJOURNMENT I.C.R. TRAIN SERVICE, NOVA SCOTIA.
 - On the motion to adjourn, Hon. H. R. Emmerson read a telegram, dated Moncton, Feb. 8, and addressed to Mr. Pottinger, explaining the condition of train service in Nova Scotia-726.
- Emmerson, Hon. II. R. (Minister of Railways-726.

Feels it is but due to Intercolonial management to give certain information to House; reads telegram-726-7.

ADJOURNMENT — TRANSPORTATION COM-MISSION.

On motion to adjourn, Sir Wilfrid Laurier gives names of men composing the Transportation Commission-492.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister) -492.

The Transportation Commission is composed of Mr. Robert Reford, of Montreal; Mr. Edward C Fry, of Quebec; and Mr. J. H. Ashdown, of Winnipeg; it has not made a report-492.

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE, REPORT OF-DISCRIMINATION IN RAILWAY RATES.

Motion to concur in 3rd Report as far as recommendation to refer the question of railway freight rates to the Railway Commission-4984-5034.

Borden, R. L. (Carleton, Ont.)-5005.

No provision with regard to customs duties -5005. Prepared to concede that there are grievances which should be redressed -5011. The Commission would have to begin the matter de novo-5012. Am in entire sympathy with the object of the motion-5013. G. T. R. may come within the provisions of the section as amended -5015. No provision for enforcing tariffs -5016.

Campbell, A. (York Centre)-4984.

Understands the recommendations are in reference to railway rates-4984. Matter should be dealt with at earliest possible date-4985.

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