

ADJOURNMENT, HOURS OF—*Con.*

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—590.

Some reform like this might be brought about under certain circumstances—590. Trusts the motion may come up at another session—591.

*Foster, Hon. Geo. E.* (North Toronto)—591.

Was opposed to the Wednesday rule but is converted. Advocates shorter speeches—591. It ought to be possible to get through work every night by half past ten—592.

*Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid* (Prime Minister)—588.

Thinks on the whole it is as well to leave the rule as it is, and have a mutual understanding—588-9. If we are to despatch the business of the House, will have to work to some extent at night. Asks withdrawal of motion—590.

*Monk, F. D.* (Jacques Cartier)—592.

Thinks Wright has taken a step in the right direction—592-3. Should try the day sittings. Would have plenty to do in the evenings—594.

*Taylor, Geo.* (Leeds)—594.

Believes day sittings with Committees at eight would result in more work with less strain—594.

*Wright, A. A.* (South Renfrew)—584.

Moves his motion. The reasons for asking for the change—584. If the private members find difficulties to attend, how much more must the ministers—585. The majority of the members of this House are not accustomed to late hours; should consider the pages—586. What the legislatures of other countries do—587. Cannot see why we cannot shorten our hours of sitting—588. Withdraws his motion, if it is the wish of the Premier—594.

## ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

House in Committee on proposed resolution—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth—4835.

*Aylesworth, Hon. A. B.* (Minister of Justice)—4835.

The object is to found a measure to improve admiralty jurisdiction; present conditions—4835. The statute of 1890 is the foundation of parliament's right to legislate on this subject—4836. Proposes to substitute ordinary civil tribunals for the Exchequer Court—4837. The courts aimed at by the Imperial statute are the ordinary provincial courts—4838. The greater power in every case where it can be given should be given the provincial authorities—4839. Annuities for existing admiralty judge; the changes in the provinces—4840. The only question is what means are most expedient to make better provision for the exercise of the jurisdiction—4841. Representations made to him by practitioners—4842. Not proposed to interfere with the present practice of the courts—4843. Cannot bring legislation into force till it has been

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considered by the Imperial authorities—4844. Registrars will continue in their present positions; how remunerated—4845. Amends the sums for the registrars of Toronto and Nova Scotia—4846. Withdraws his amendments, and introduces Bill—4867.

*Borden, R. L.* (Carleton, Ont.)—4846.

Absolute impossibility of fusing admiralty law and general law—4846. We never can bring about any assimilation between them, 4847. Fails to see any ground whatever for the proposal before the House—4848. In what way does the question of provincial rights come in—4849. A system which has worked very well for seventeen years should not be lightly departed from—4850. Seems to him that there is absolutely no ground for the change proposed—4851.

*German, W. M.* (Welland)—4852.

The changes proposed should have been made many years ago so far as Ontario is concerned—4852. It is far better that the procedure as it has existed since 1891 should be changed—4853. The change proposed will benefit litigants and claimants as well as owners—4854.

*Gervais, Honoré* (Montreal, St. James)—4854.

Surprised that no provision has been made for Mr. Justice Dunlop. Quotes the *Montreal Gazette*—4854. Is opposed to the Bill in toto; history of the admiralty courts in New France—4855. Under the Act of 1890 only the provincial legislature has the authority to legislate—4856. Cannot be held that the Canadian parliament has power to deal with the question—4857. Judges will want compensation; the resolution uncalled for and inexpedient—4858. Resolution passed by the bar of Montreal—4859-60. Protest of the Montreal Board of Trade—4861. And the Shipping Federation of Canada—4862. The Shipping Federation do not want the Montreal admiralty judge paid by fees—4863. The government of Canada has merely the power of appointing judges—4864. Let us maintain admiralty practice separate from common law courts—4865. No one is asking for this legislation—4866. They may have before long to organize proper and constitutional courts of admiralty—4867.

*Porter, E. Guss* (West Hastings)—4851.

Fails to see any sufficient reason for the change proposed, the result will be greater delays—4851.

## AGREEMENTS BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES AND RAILWAYS.

Inquiry re Hamilton Radial Railway Charter—Mr. D. Henderson—6987.

*Graham, Hon. Geo. P.* (Minister of Railways and Canals)—6988.

Bill which now stands for second reading contains clause containing provision—6988.