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Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). I would suggest to the Prime Minister that the motion do not include Monday next. I would also suggest that for the words 'after questions to be put by members,' the words 'notices of motion for the production of papers' be substituted.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I have no objection.

Motion as amended, agreed to.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved :

That when this House adjourns on Tuesday next, the 28th instant, it stand adjourned to Thursday the 2nd March.

Motion agreed to.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved:

That from this day to the end of the session the House will meet on Wednesday at 3 o'clock p.m., and that the sitting on such days shall in every respect be under the same rules provided for other sitting days.

Motion agreed to.

RECIPROCAL TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES—MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS.

Mr. OWEN. Before you proceed with the orders of the day, I have here a telegram which I wish to read, and to ask a question about it. It comes from a very important place just at present, being dated Washington, February 23.

Senator Cummins has served notice that he will propose amendments to the Canadian Reciprocity Bill to admit free from Canada manufactured product not mentioned in the treaty.

The question I wish to ask is this : Should the American government change their reciprocity treaty soon, I suppose about to be entered into between Canada and the United States, so as to allow the manufactured products of Canada to enter the United States free, will our government also allow the manufactured products of the United States to come into Canada free?

Mr. FIELDING. I am afraid my hon. friend is not correctly interpreting the telegram. If I understand it, the motion of Senator Cummins is that manufactured products of Canada can be admitted into the United States free of duty. There is nothing in this agreement which will prevent the United States doing that if they want to.

Mr. OWEN. But should the American government change the treaty so as to allow—

Mr. MARTIN (Montreal).

Mr. FIELDING. My hon. friend is mistaken, that would not be a change in the treaty.

Mr. OWEN. If they do that, will our government allow the products of American manufacturers to enter Canada free?

Mr. FIELDING. I would wait until I received the proposal before I considered it.

HOURS OF LABOUR ON PUBLIC WORKS.

Mr. KING. Before the orders of the day are called, I would like to make a correction. In a communication I received this morning my attention was drawn to the fact that when I was asked during the course of the debate on January 16, if I had received any representations respecting amendments to the Eight Hour Bill introduced by the hon. member for Maisonneuve (Mr. Verville), from the workmen employed on the Intercolonial, I replied, no. I find that I was in error in making this reply, that in fact communications were received during my absence, and acknowledged by the Deputy Minister of Labour, and subsequently further acknowledged by myself. The question was asked me in the due course of debate, and I answered on the spur of the moment without having recollected the communications I now refer to.

INQUIRIES FOR RETURNS.

Mr. FOSTER. Before the orders of the day are called, I would like to ask the attention of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Fielding) to two returns ordered by the House, one on the 23rd of January, the other on the 16th of February. The one on the 23rd of January was for the by-laws, &c., of the Bankers' Association as approved by the Treasury Board ; the other was for the reports of the curators of the different banks to whom curators had been appointed. I would like these down just as soon as the minister can get them.

Mr. FIELDING. I will call the attention of the officials to them. I was not aware the order of the House had not been complied with.

Mr. FOSTER. I might also ask the minister to hurry up the other editions from day to day of reciprocity resolutions and amendments pro and con. These are becoming very interesting now, and we would like not to be behind date.

FISHERIES PROTECTION SERVICE.

Mr. JAMESON. I call the attention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Mr. Brodeur) to this despatch which I find