

mittee, reported, read a third time and passed.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I understand that it is the general wish of hon. members that we should not sit this evening. I therefore beg to move that the House do now adjourn.

Motion agreed to, and the House adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

Friday, June 4, 1920.

The House met at Two o'clock.

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List of lawyers in the province of Quebec, who act as Public Representatives.—Hon. Mr. Sifton.

DIRECTOR OF COAL OPERATIONS.

Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Minister of the Interior) moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 153 (from the Senate), respecting the Director of Coal Operations. He said: I would like to defer giving an explanation of the object of this Bill until it comes up for second reading; but the passage of the measure will be expedited if it receives the first reading to-day.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read a first time.

SENATE BILLS—FIRST READINGS.

Bill No. 154 for the relief of Albert Ernest Bulley.—Mr. Fripp.

Bill No. 155 for the relief of Beatrice Booth Gendron.—Mr. Fripp.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Rt. Hon. Sir ROBERT BORDEN (Prime Minister): I should like to say to the House that on account of the Minister of Finance being very actively engaged in very important matters, apart from the Budget, he will not be able to go on with the Budget resolutions as the first order of business to-day. I spoke to the leader of the Opposition about taking up Order No. 12—which is merely for a reference to a committee—Order No. 25, the second reading of a Bill to amend the Yukon Placer Mining Act, and Order No. 10, concerning a Bill that has been unanimously reported by the Select Standing Committee on Agriculture. I do not think any of these matters are controversial.

Mr. JACQUES BUREAU (Three Rivers): May I ask the Prime Minister a question? Can he inform me whether or not electricity

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and gas will come under the heading of manufactured products in the new taxation? I ask the question because I have received telegrams from the firms that are selling electricity and gas in my town, who wish to know if they are to charge the one per cent tax on their bills which go out on the first of the month. I promised that I would ask the question the first thing at the opening of the House to-day, and I am now carrying out that promise.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Would my hon. friend be good enough to ask the Minister of Finance that question?

Mr. BUREAU: I thought perhaps the Prime Minister would know.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The subject is really one that comes under the Minister of Finance, and without having the resolutions before me I would hardly like to give an answer to my hon. friend.

CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT ACT—
(FRENCH VERSION).

On the Order, House again in committee on Bill No. 131 (from the Senate) to amend the Criminal Code (French version).

Rt. Hon. C. J. DOHERTY (Minister of Justice): I beg to move with the permission of the House, pursuant to the understanding come to on Friday, that this order be discharged and that the said Bill be referred to a special committee for consideration and report, and that the Minister of Justice, and Messieurs Lemieux, Mackie (Edmonton), Vien and Denis be members of said special committee.

Motion agreed to.

YUKON PLACER MINING ACT AMENDMENT.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Meighen Bill No. 142 to amend the Yukon Placer Mining Act was read a second time, and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Boivin in the Chair.

On section 1—Prior Rights protected:

Mr. BUREAU: Would the minister make a general statement with respect to the whole Bill? Very few of us, of course, are familiar with the conditions in the Yukon—except perhaps the hon. member from Yukon (Mr. Thompson)—and therefore we should like to know what is the purport of the Bill.

Mr. MEIGHEN: I can make a general statement. There is little use explaining