

committee to sit during the session of the House. At present, however, that is not necessary. It may be possible that there are some Bills on the Order paper that the committee are unanimous or almost unanimous with regard to putting through, and in that case we can ask leave to sit during the session of the House.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. McDUGALL. Is it the intention to sit on Saturday?

The PRIME MINISTER. The Government have no objection at all to have a morning sitting next Saturday if it be convenient for the members of the House. It might be possible to sit from 11 o'clock until 6 o'clock, but as to that it would be better to have an understanding with our friends on the other side and we may perhaps think it over between this and tomorrow afternoon.

Motion agreed to.

ST. JOHN BRIDGE AND RAILWAY EXTENSION COMPANY.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Mr. Fielding) moved that the House at its next sitting resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following proposed resolution:—

That it is expedient to provide that the time for the repayment of the moneys advanced by the Dominion Government to the "Saint John Bridge and Railway Extension Company," under and by virtue of chapter 26 of the statutes of 1883, be extended for a period of fifteen years from the expiration of the present term of fifteen years mentioned and provided for in the said statute and the schedule thereto, the moneys so advanced to bear interest during such extended term at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable annually on or before the 30th day of June in each year; such extension of time for the repayment of the moneys so advanced to be on condition that the said advances and the interest thereon shall remain during such extended period as now, a first charge and lien upon the real and personal property, rights, franchises, easements and privileges of the company aforesaid, and that all the provisions of the indenture or mortgage deed, dated the 10th day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, and executed by the said company under the provisions of and in accordance with the said statute, shall continue and remain in full force and effect during the said extended period, and on the further condition that the Government may, if it should be found advisable, take possession of the bridge, railway and appurtenances, at any time within five years from the date of the beginning of such extended period, on payment of the difference of the amounts then due to the Government for advances and interest and the sum of the total amount expended by the company as the cost of the said bridge, railway and works and ten per centum on such amount;

Mr. SUTHERLAND.

the Minister of Justice, any deeds, mortgages or instruments necessary for the proper carrying into effect of the foregoing.

Motion agreed to.

THE QUEEN VS. SKELTON ET AL.

Mr. DAVIN. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I want to appeal to the Prime Minister again, as to the case of the Queen vs. Skelton. I doubt if I made myself understood to the right hon. gentleman when I said that on Friday week, nearly a fortnight ago, I had an interview with the Minister of Justice and he assured me then that he would let me have a copy of certain affidavits. I have asked for them but I have never received them. It is not a request that they be placed on the Table, but what the Minister of Justice told me was that he would give myself personally a copy of those affidavits.

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). The question which was asked from me by my hon. friend (Mr. Davin) was whether a new trial had been granted in the case of Skelton. I was not then in a position to answer, but I am able to inform him to-day that no new trial has been granted. As to whether or not the Minister of Justice has promised to give my hon. friend a copy of the affidavits, that is a matter between the Minister of Justice and my hon. friend (Mr. Davin).

Mr. DAVIN. The right hon. gentleman will see that it is more than a matter between myself and the Minister of Justice, because the Minister of Justice is a member of this Government, and if he promises an hon. member of this House to give him certain documents and does not do so, I rather think it reflects on the efficiency of the Department of Justice and on the honour of the Government.

BELLEVILLE POST OFFICE.

Mr. CORBY. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I have a matter which I would like to bring before this House in reference to the dismissal of the whole post office staff of the city of Belleville, by the Postmaster General.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. CORBY. I will conclude with a motion.

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). I would suggest to my hon. friend (Mr. Corby) that he can bring this matter up equally well when we go into Supply.

Mr. CORBY. I am leaving for home on Saturday.