

Mr. Flint, whose interest in this matter we all appreciate, a request that, if possible, the putting of the House into committee on this Bill be deferred until to-morrow, and I therefore move that the order of the day be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to committee of the whole to-morrow.

HON. MR. POWER—I would like to suggest this; that the amendments of which I have given notice, should be moved when the order of the day is called, and it may be there will be some discussion on that, and after that discussion we will go into committee on the Bill, and the hon. gentleman from Belleville will then have an opportunity of being present when the Bill is being discussed in committee.

THE SPEAKER—I take it for granted that the calling of the order of the day means putting the question before the House. There is no motion before the House now until the order of the day is put before the House by motion.

HON. MR. DICKEY—That has been the usual practice, I think, to make a motion, but really after all it is not of much consequence. I put it to my hon. friend whether under the circumstance of the committee being put off, as that has been so cordially responded to on this side of the House, he will be ready with the Bill, in its future stages, to have a full consideration of it. He has met us in the same spirit from the beginning in this Bill, and I should certainly support him in this motion to postpone the order of the day under the circumstances. I do not understand my hon friend from Halifax to object to that at all; he merely objects to the mode of proceeding.

HON. MR. ALMON—I do not think it is wise to postpone the consideration of the Bill. I shall be very happy to pair off with the hon. member from Belleville, as far as the voting is concerned.

HON. MR. VIDAL—It is not the mere pairing off on the vote; the hon. gentleman from Belleville wishes to address the House, and I am afraid that my hon. friend opposite will hardly represent him in that respect.

The motion was agreed to and the order of the day was discharged.

The Senate adjourned at 4.20 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Thursday, April 30 th, 1885.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BILL INTRODUCED.

“An Act respecting the North-West Mounted Police Force.” (Sir Alex. Campbell.)

TREATIES WITH THE INDIANS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

INQUIRY.

HON. MR. READ rose to call the attention of the Government to the treaties made with the Indians in the North-West, and ask if it is the intention to make any further treaties of the same nature?

He said: I have been led to give notice of this motion from certain discussions in the public press of the country, in relation to the Indians and the troubles in the North-West. After the able address that was delivered to us by the hon. gentleman from Winnipeg, lately, I suppose there is not much to be said as to the condition of the Indians; but we must be quite aware that our relations with the Indians in the North-West at the present time are engaging the public mind to a very great extent. I was led to look into this matter from a statement of a very extraordinary nature that appeared in one of the leading journals of this country, the *Toronto Globe*. I thought it was not possible that such a statement could have been made by the gentleman to whom it is attributed; and for fear that I should not do him justice, I wrote to him on Monday and have his reply. I think it is as well to read what he is reported to have said and then give his answer. The