

Mr. PUGSLEY: Call in the police as quickly as you like.

Mr. LEMIEUX: Call in Mackenzie and Mann. Call in Sir Clifford Sifton.

The CHAIRMAN: The rule provides—

Mr. LEMIEUX: I notified you, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Gauthier wanted to speak before the minister.

The CHAIRMAN:—the rule says that the first hon. gentleman who catches the eye of the chairman should have the floor. I was noticing both hon. gentlemen because I knew that they wanted to speak. The hon. minister got up first.

Mr. PUGSLEY: No.

Mr. LEMIEUX: No.

The CHAIRMAN: He was the first who caught my eye.

Mr. LEMIEUX: And you were notified that Mr. Gauthier wanted to speak, and you knew it.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I had no business to take such notification, and I declare that the Finance Minister caught my eye first and he has the floor.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Shame.

The CHAIRMAN: Order.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: I think that, under the rule, the chairman should, if possible, see hon. gentlemen on either side of the House alternately. There have been two speeches on the other side of the House—

Mr. PUGSLEY: But your intention is to close discussion.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: I gave way to the last hon. gentleman who spoke and no harm can result from my rising now because the hon. member can speak on section 4, or he can speak to-morrow. I have no desire to close off the addresses of hon. gentlemen, but we must advance the Bill. I beg to move:

That the further consideration of clause 3 and the amendment be postponed and clause 4 be taken up.

Mr. L. A. LAPOINTE: That is just what we were afraid of. That is the trick that was played on us.

Mr. PUGSLEY: There is a motion before the Chair now that must be withdrawn before this can be considered. The member for St. Hyacinthe (Mr. Gauthier) has a perfect right to speak.

The CHAIRMAN: It is moved by Sir Thomas White that the further considera-
[Sir Robert Borden.]

tion of section 3 with the amendment be postponed.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Read it in French. Motion read in French.

Mr. OLIVER: May I ask a question? If the rule which you intend to invoke applies to the consideration of an amendment, then I do not read that in the rule and I would like to know where I shall find it.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: It applies to the whole section with the amendment.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Question.

The CHAIRMAN: The amendment being moved forms part of the section.

Mr. PUGSLEY: The amendment is not carried yet.

The CHAIRMAN: It is not to be carried now, it is to be postponed. Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Carried.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I desire to speak briefly to a point of order. There is always discussion on a point of order.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Question.

Mr. PUGSLEY: That is perfectly absurd. We might as well go home if we are to have no—

An hon. MEMBER: We had better go home.

Mr. PUGSLEY: I know hon. gentlemen think that, and the hon. gentlemen themselves are non-combatants. They might as well go home; in fact better. They would support whatever the Government proposed. It is difficult to know what they are here for at all. They might better be at home harvesting their crops.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: That is not a point of order.

Mr. PUGSLEY: The point of order is this: The ruling is that the motion that the section stand is to be determined without debate. I think that is straining the rule a good deal. Before the committee now is an amendment moved by the Minister of Finance. Surely hon. gentlemen have a right to speak to that amendment. How absurd it would be; what a gross injustice it would be, that you should rule that further consideration of an amendment moved to-night for the first time, upon which only one hon. gentleman has been allowed to