

and I would move that when the House adjourns to-night it do stand adjourned until eight o'clock on Tuesday next.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Could the honourable the acting leader give us any information as to when we may expect the bills in reference to the price of wheat, the acreages, and so on?

Hon. Mr. KING: I think that progress is being made on these bills in the other House, and it is hoped that they may reach us next week, when we may have an opportunity of dealing with them in committee.

I would move that the House adjourn.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Honourable members, I did not hear the motion put that when this House adjourns it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next.

Hon. Mr. ROBINSON: That is the present motion.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: The present motion is the motion to adjourn. Before that there ought to be a motion that when we adjourn the House stand adjourned until Tuesday.

I want to point out to the acting leader of the House that if he will look at the report of March 11 he will find that the words uttered at that time are coming true to the letter. I do not want to say, "I told you so," but again I say I think it is very unfair to keep members from the outlying parts of Canada here for one night's work when they could have been at home for ten days or two weeks. I may say candidly that I do not think the wheat bills will be here on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Hon. Mr. KING: They may be.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: You will be very lucky if you have them here by the 5th of May, because the House of Commons adjourns on the 27th of March and the discussion of the bills will undoubtedly go over Easter. There will be money bills here before the adjournment, no doubt. Are we sure that we shall adjourn next Thursday or Friday night? Again I protest most bitterly against holding this House here for one sitting when it was clearly pointed out in unmistakable language that there was no possibility of any legislation reaching this Chamber from the other House, if by "legislation" one meant the wheat bills. There is not a possibility of those bills reaching this House within any reasonable time. The wheat question is one of the most contentious subjects that have come into our politics since the wheat markets of the world were closed to free trade in wheat, and it will continue to be conten-

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tious, not only until the war is over, but until the markets of the world are free to trade again.

The way in which we have been carrying on is all right for men who are wealthy and can afford to sit here and let their business go to pot; it is all right for honourable senators from the province of Quebec and the province of Ontario—it is fine business for them; but it is not fine business for those of us who come from some other part of the country. I am willing to give my services to this country, but I am not willing to twiddle my thumbs for ten days in order to serve one day. I think that is an imposition on us who come from the far parts of Canada. Some of you may not feel as I do about this thing. I feel very keenly about it. In an endeavour to improve things I tried the gentle method and I tried the urgent method, but I found both were failures. Now I am going to try some other method. I intend to protest against this House being held in session for one day and then being adjourned for seven days. I will protest against that every time it is proposed. I may be a voice crying in the wilderness, but I will most certainly cry. Honourable senators, I protest against this motion. I think we should be held right here in session until next Thursday night, and then we should adjourn until Monday night. If there is nothing for us to do, let us meet and adjourn. In any event, we ought to be here and ready if there should be any business. I suppose that the Government leader will not be appointed until the Government has a chance to reconsider the whole situation; I think it is reasonable to expect that. The Government has lost two of its most distinguished leaders from one of our great provinces. It is a very severe blow to the Prime Minister of this country to lose these men, on whom he leaned for advice and guidance, especially as to public opinion in that great province. That is something that maybe all do not understand, but I can understand it. However, that does not justify our adjourning to-night, after this one sitting, and being turned loose again on the city of Ottawa, or wherever we happen to be, until next Tuesday night. That is not fair to the city of Ottawa and it certainly is not fair to us.

Hon. Mr. BALLANTYNE: Honourable senators, might I suggest to the acting leader that in the interim he try to get some clear idea as to when the wheat bills are likely to reach this House? If they are not likely to come for a week or more, as the honourable senator from Winnipeg South-Centre (Hon. Mr. Haig) has suggested, then honourable members could be notified. I think it might be better if the