

Committee of Supply

Immediately thereafter committees were set up to deal with the concrete business of the house.

At that time the leader of the C.C.F. party expressed admiration for that procedure. But here in this house, it does not matter how hard the government tries to meet the wishes expressed from time to time by parties on the other side, those parties switch and have other objections to make.

I am not going to ask you, Mr. Speaker, to put this motion today, because there may be something in the contention that under standing order 45 there should be forty-eight hours' notice. But I do give notice here and now, from my seat, that these motions will be put on the order paper, and that we will attempt to get a decision on the merits of them.

Mr. Drew: Mr. Speaker, I just wish to leave one thing clear. If the Prime Minister will take the trouble to read the record of what I said, he will see I left no doubt whatever about the fact that I was not raising objection to having it dealt with today, beyond the merits of the general argument. I pointed out that the Prime Minister could not proceed today, whether he wished to or not, without consent—and he was not getting consent. But I said I was hoping to save time by preventing the argument. Then I might say I think we have precedents from the man whom he succeeds, and whose views I think he still respects.

Mr. Speaker: I take it that the motion at the present time is withdrawn?

Mr. St. Laurent: I take it the motions are not withdrawn but I understand there is objection to their being considered at this time. I submit to the objection; but I do

say that I will give notice on the order paper, so that they may, after forty-eight hours have elapsed, be considered on their merits—and I hope we shall not have to have the discussion again, though I am afraid it is a vain hope.

Motion stands.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Report of the joint librarians of parliament.—Mr. Speaker.

DOMINION ELECTIONS

Report of the chief electoral officer on by-elections held during the year 1949.—Mr. Speaker.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. St. Laurent moved the adjournment of the house.

He said: It is my understanding that, in accordance with the special order, we will proceed tomorrow with consideration of the address in reply to the speech of His Excellency, and, when the mover and the seconder have been heard, it might meet the wish of the leader of the opposition to have the debate adjourned at that time, to be continued on Monday. If that is the wish of the leader of the opposition the government will be prepared to agree to the suggestion that the debate be adjourned after the mover and the seconder have made their addresses.

Mr. Drew: That arrangement will be satisfactory.

Motion agreed to, and the house adjourned at 5.25 p.m.