

of summoning Parliament. It reads in this way:

The Committee of the Privy Council on the recommendation of the Right Hon. Sir Robert Laird Borden, Prime Minister, advises that a proclamation be issued summoning the Parliament of Canada to meet on Monday the 18th day of March at 11 a. m. at the City of Ottawa for the despatch of business.

Through some inadvertence on the part of the officer who prepared the proclamation the hour seems to have been omitted.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: There was no reference to it in the proclamation but there have been so many Orders in Council that I am not surprised at the omission.

ORDERS IN COUNCIL LAID ON THE TABLE.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I shall proceed, notwithstanding the reluctance of my right hon. friend to have these thrust upon him, to lay several of them upon the table of the House. I beg to lay on the table of the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, the Defence of Canada Order, 1917, and certain Orders in Council in amendment thereof. I also desire to lay upon the table an Order in Council respecting freight rates and special taxation in respect to the Canadian Pacific Railway; an Order in Council with regard to the importation, manufacture and transportation of intoxicating liquors; an Order in Council respecting the Department of Immigration and Colonization, and the Department of External Affairs; Orders in Council respecting the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and the Military Hospitals Commission; an Order in Council respecting the War Purchasing Commission; two Orders in Council respecting the Canadian War Mission, Washington; Orders in Council respecting the disaster at Halifax, establishing the Halifax Relief Commission and making certain recommendations with regard to relief; Orders in Council with respect to the War Committee of the Cabinet, and the Reconstruction and Development Committee of the Cabinet; Orders in Council respecting the Civil Service Act, conferring certain powers upon the Civil Service Commission; an Order in Council respecting the Canada Registration Board; Orders in Council, passed under the Military Service Act, embodying regulations made thereunder; an Order in Council respecting applications to dismiss on the ground of offensive partisanship.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Hear, hear.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: That is all.

[Sir Robert Borden.]

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: I notice there is no Order in Council to dispense with Parliament.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: If my right hon. friend deems such a measure to be advisable we shall be glad to take the suggestion into consideration.

Hon. N. W. ROWELL: I lay upon the table copy of an Order in Council creating the office of Director of Public Information.

Hon. J. A. CALDER: I produce copy of the minutes of a conference held between the Dominion and Provincial Governments on February 15 and 16 last.

Hon. T. A. CRERAR: I submit copy of Orders in Council and Regulations with respect to the Food Controller and the control of food supplies.

On the motion of Sir Robert Borden, the House adjourned at 4.37 p.m.

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The House met at Three o'clock.

ORDERS IN COUNCIL LAID ON THE TABLE.

Hon. C. C. BALLANTYNE: I produce copies of certain Orders in Council pertaining to the Naval Service of Canada; also copies of the Annual Report of the Naval Service in English and French; also the English edition of the Annual Report of the Fisheries Branch.

Rt. Hon. Sir GEORGE FOSTER: I submit copies of Orders in Council establishing the office of Fuel Controller and regulations made in connection therewith; also, similar Orders in Council with reference to the establishment of an Editorial Board; also copies of Orders in Council establishing the War Trade Board.

SELECT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN moved, seconded, by Sir George Foster:

That a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House under Rule 10; said Committee to be composed of Sir Robert Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Messrs. Reid, Grenville, Carvell, Robb and McCoig, and that that portion of Rule 10 limiting the number of members of the said committee be suspended in relation thereto.

Motion agreed to.

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