

# House of Commons Debates

## THIRD SESSION—EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

### HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, 22nd April, 1898.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

#### FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 122) to incorporate the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benefit Society.—(Mr. Landerkin.)

#### MANITOBA SCHOOL FUND.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Mr. Fielding) moved that on Tuesday next the House resolve itself into committee to consider the following resolution:—

That it is expedient to provide that the Governor in Council may, from the moneys invested under the provisions of subsection three of section twenty-five of chapter fifty-four of the Revised Statutes of Canada, forming the School Fund for the province of Manitoba, pay from time to time to the Government of Manitoba, on the request of the said Government, such sum or sums as the said Governor in Council thinks proper, not exceeding in the whole the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, the sum or sums so paid over to be expended by the said Government of Manitoba in the support and maintenance of the public schools in that province; provided always that not more than two hundred thousand dollars shall be so paid to the said Government for the purpose aforesaid during the present calendar year.

Motion agreed to.

#### IMPORTATION OF ALIEN WORKMEN.

Mr. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, before the Orders of the Day are proceeded with, I desire to draw the attention of the Government to an article which appeared in the Toronto "Evening Star" of Thursday, April 21. I may say that the "Star" gives an independent support to hon. gentlemen opposite. The article to which I desire to draw their attention is one having reference to a strike which unfortunately exists at the present time amongst the employees of the well-known firm of Messrs. J. D. King & Co. I do not propose to enter into the merits or demerits of the dispute beyond expressing the hope, which I believe is entertained by hon. gentlemen on both sides of this House, that this unfortunate strike may be speedily and satisfactorily adjusted.

I desire to draw attention to this article particularly because it conveys the intimation that in endeavouring to overcome the strikers, the employers are reported to have sent agents to the other side of the line for the purpose of obtaining alien and foreign labour to introduce into their factory. I contend that that is contrary to the spirit of the legislation enacted at the last session of this Parliament.

Mr. SPEAKER. I wish to draw the hon. gentleman's attention to the practice, that unless he is going to move a substantive motion, he can only state such facts as are necessary to found a question upon; he cannot make comments.

Mr. CLARKE. If it is necessary, in order to keep myself in order, to move the adjournment of the House at this stage, I shall be very glad to do it; but I understood that the custom was for the person who made that motion, to propose it after having concluded his remarks.

Mr. SPEAKER. It is customary to make the motion at the close of the remarks, but it is customary for the hon. member to intimate to the Speaker that he intends to do so, in order to put himself in order.

Mr. CLARKE. I would be sorry to put myself out of order, Mr. Speaker, and at the close of my remarks, I intend to propose the motion that the House do now adjourn. I draw attention to this article because it states that the employers of these men, members of the firm of Messrs. J. D. King & Co., have sent their agents and representatives to the other side of the line for the purpose of securing the aid and assistance of foreigners and aliens to help them to crush their employees; and, in view of the legislation that was passed at the last session of this House, I think that at least the attention of the Government ought to be drawn to the action of the employers. The article in the "Star" reads as follows:—

They want a DeBarry.—Strikers at King's object to United States Workmen being brought here.—Alien Labour now en route.—Mr. King's View of the Matter.—He wants Men and will take the First that Come.

The striking shoemakers received a telegram this morning from the president of the International Union at Lynn, Mass., saying that Mr. Brown, the foreman at J. D. King's, was there engaging men to come to Toronto, and that Mr. Brown and his men would probably reach Toronto to-day.

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