

word to what has been said by the hon. member who has just resumed his seat. The other day, my attention was called to this subject, and I think, if I mistake not, that the hon. member for York evinced a good deal of interest in it, and put a question upon the Notice paper. At that moment I was not in a position to give information on the subject, and I immediately communicated with the general manager, with the result that he furnishes me with practically the information as that which has been read by the hon. gentleman, supplementing it, however, with this statement, which I wish to add, that to-day there are really more coloured porters in the employ of the Intercolonial Railway than there have been at any previous period.

Mr. FRASER. I also had a communication from Mr. Archibald, as I wanted to know about this matter. I think all the members of the House will deprecate the attempt, which can only have one meaning, namely, to raise a race prejudice upon reports that are not founded in fact at all. Everybody that travels on the Intercolonial Railway knows what excellent employees those coloured porters are, what attention they give to those who are travelling. The report that the Government would at once draw the colour line and dismiss all these men, ought to have been rejected by the common sense of the editors of those papers. I trust that, hereafter, those who publish those statements will understand what the country understands, that there must be a terrific dearth of any ground of attack upon the Government, when they are compelled to fall back upon an attempt to raise the prejudices of the coloured population of Canada.

Motion to adjourn negatived.

WAYS AND MEANS—THE BUDGET.

House resumed adjourned debate on the proposed motion of Mr. Fielding: That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for the House to go into committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising a Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. I regret very much that I should have to ask the further indulgence of the Government to-day. The hon. member for York (Mr. Foster), who desires particularly to follow the Minister of Finance, is still quite seriously indisposed. I have an idea that he had some conversation himself, yesterday, with the acting leader of the Government, when that hon. gentleman was good enough to agree that the debate should be adjourned last evening at his request. I had a note from him, when I moved the adjournment, and had I known, as I should have known, that the House had resolved to make this the first order for to-day and to proceed

with the debate from day to day until it was completed, I would have mentioned, when I asked for that adjournment, that the hon. member for York, in his note to me, had stated that he was satisfied it would be impossible for him to be in his place to-day; and I imagined, when I made that motion, that this debate would not come up again until Tuesday next.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE (Sir Richard Cartwright). The Government, under the circumstances, will accede to the hon. gentleman's request, and are very sorry for the cause of it. But, under all the circumstances, I think we will best facilitate the business by meeting the hon. gentleman's wishes. I am not going to make any argument, but I would suggest, for the consideration of all parties concerned, that, as there are not many changes in the tariff, my hon. friend who has moved the adjournment, should communicate with his friends and endeavour to have some sort of understanding come to, that we would not prolong this Budget debate unnecessarily.

Mr. HUGHES. Five minute speeches.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. Can you get the consent of the hon. member for York to that?

Mr. HUGHES. After the leaders.

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. I will just express the hope to the hon. gentlemen opposite, and to our friends on this side, that the debate might be confined within some reasonable time after the hon. member for York has made his remarks; and, if it is necessary for me to speak, I will endeavour to set the example of compressing my remarks within reasonable limits.

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER. Speaking for myself, I appreciate very much indeed the courtesy of the hon. gentleman, and I believe this side of the House will make every effort to show their appreciation also.

Mr. WILSON moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned.

DUTY ON AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Mr. DAVIN continuing his speech on the motion: That good faith on the part of the present Government with the farmers of the North-west should compel them to place agricultural implements on the free list, said: Mr. Speaker, six o'clock came the other day before I was able to conclude my speech introducing the motion on the paper, and I have a few remarks to make to which I would ask the attention of hon. members on both sides of the House. What