

mented in some very material points the excellent speech of Mr. Asquith. I would like to ask the Government whether they would consider the advisability of adding the speech of Mr. Bonar Law to the other speeches to be printed.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: As far as the suggestion of my right hon. friend is concerned, I accept it at once. It is a very proper one, and we shall be prepared to have printed such a number of copies as will enable the documents in question to have the widest publicity in this country, as I think they should have. I restricted the proposal to the speeches of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the Prime Minister because those are official; but in a certain sense the leader of an opposition in the system of government we have in all British dominions occupies also an official position, and, if it commends itself to the judgment of the House, as I have no doubt it will, we shall be very glad to add to the motion, as my hon. friend from Red Deer (Mr. Michael Clark) suggests. I have read the speech of Mr. Bonar Law, and I entirely agree with my hon. friend from Red Deer in his appreciation of it. The motion may be considered amended accordingly.

Motion, as amended, agreed to.

SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN RULES

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The officers of the House have suggested to me that certain rules of an unimportant character, so far as this session is concerned, might with advantage be suspended during the present session, and I have had placed in my hands this motion, which I now move:

That rules Nos. 9, 10, 62, 90 and 121 be suspended during the present session of Parliament.

I will explain to the House what the rules are. The first is that the Speaker shall within ten days after the opening of each session lay on the table of the House a report of the proceedings for the preceding year of the Commissioners of Internal Economy. Rule 10 provides for the appointment of Standing Committees. Rule 62 provides that the Clerk shall make and cause to be printed and delivered to each member a list of the reports or other periodical statement which it is the duty of any officer or department of the Government to make to the House. Rule 90 is with regard to applications for private Bills, and rule

121 provides that a report shall be made to the House at the opening of the session with regard to the state of the Library.

Motion agreed to.

THE BUDGET.

Hon. W. T. WHITE (Minister of Finance): I beg to announce that it is my intention to move the House into Committee of Ways and Means to-morrow, and to present my financial statement or Budget. I realize, however, that the notice I am giving is very brief, and if it will be more convenient to hon. gentlemen opposite that I should fix a later date I shall of course be very pleased to do so.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: There can be no objection—far from it—to my hon. friend making his statement to-morrow; but perhaps we shall not be ready for such discussion as may take place upon it, and it may then be adjourned to the following day.

THE EUROPEAN WAR.

ADDRESS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the Speech of His Royal Highness the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Mr. DONALD SUTHERLAND (South Oxford) rose to move that an Address be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General offering the humble thanks of this House to His Royal Highness for the gracious speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament. He said:

Mr. Speaker, under ordinary circumstances it is considered no mean compliment by a constituency to have its representative selected to move the Address in reply to the speech from the Throne; but, in view of the circumstances necessitating the calling of an emergency session of Parliament at this time, the people of the riding I represent doubly appreciate the compliment paid them. I both appreciate and realize the honour and the responsibility of having that task delegated to me. However, my fears in that respect are somewhat mitigated by a consciousness that the present is not a time for empty words, but for action. No lengthy disquisition would therefore be in keeping with the occasion.

The Address delivered to both Houses of Parliament, though containing few words, conveys a meaning, and is a reminder to the