

the legislation that is proposed, and if a majority of this House support the government, and they carry on, we shall hope that more constructive legislation will be brought forward than the government introduced during the last parliament. If, however, a majority of this House support the Conservatives, we assure them that along the same lines we shall consider the legislation they may introduce strictly on its merits. I think that is the only position that we as independents consistently can take.

Mr. LADNER: The hon. member recited an item from the Globe enunciating the principle of a protective policy. As the representative of labour will he frankly declare that he is opposed to that principle?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I do not think that we are considering the protective policy. As far as I am concerned, I am quite frank to say that in my judgment a protective policy is no economic solution. I will go further—and this is not to balance things up—that in my opinion free trade is not an economic solution. We have to go a good deal deeper than that.

An hon. MEMBER: What is an economic solution?

Mr. WOODSWORTH: I shall be glad to discuss that when the matter is before the House.

Mr. A. M. CARMICHAEL (Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, the question now before the House is of very great importance. As is customary, after a certain period of debate a division is taken, and it is necessary for the members to record their votes one way or the other. Now in this corner of the House at least we are lacking in the information necessary to enable us intelligently to cast our votes. I have in my hand what purports to be an amendment moved by the right hon. leader of the opposition (Mr. Meighen). It may not be the correct text, but it begins:

All the words after the word 'that'.

Well, we do not know where "that" comes in. In a word, we do not know what is the text of the Speech from the Throne. I believe this amendment is intended to be moved to take its place.

An hon. MEMBER: No.

Mr. CARMICHAEL: Well, that shows how far we are at sea. The amendment probably takes the place of something else. There is information lacking, and yet we are required, and supposed, to cast our votes intelligently.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Will the hon. gentleman permit me? The motion is, that the House take into consideration on Monday next the speech delivered by His Excellency. The amendment is, that all the words after the word "that"—there is only one "that"—be struck out and the body of the amendment substituted therefor. There can be no mistake.

Mr. CARMICHAEL: I thank the right hon. gentleman for that much information. But this amendment is of very great importance. If carried, it means that we vote no confidence in the Liberals of Canada; that is the sum and substance of the amendment. On the contrary, if the amendment is lost, it means that we vote confidence in the Liberals of Canada. I am not just sure which way I should like to vote at the present time. I should like to have some further information on the matter at least, and because of the importance of the division that is to be taken, because of the lack of information before us, and because of the salutary effect on our minds of a day of rest, I move the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Carmichael moves, seconded by Miss MacPhail, that the debate be now adjourned. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Mr. LAPOINTE: Mr. Speaker, before the motion is carried, I would call the attention of the House to the fact that the motion is as my right hon. friend has said, that the speech of His Excellency should be taken into consideration on Monday, and that the amendment is what he has moved. Now on Monday, unless there is general consent that we should go on with this debate—and I believe that to be the intention of everybody—the orders of the day would be for private members' resolutions, and so on, because the motion has not been submitted to the House. I would ask that it be decided immediately whether we are to proceed with this debate on Monday.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Mr. Speaker, I have not the least hesitation in agreeing, so far as the party I represent is concerned, that we go on with this debate on Monday.

Mr. SPEAKER: I understand that the leaders of the three groups I see before me are agreeable that this debate should be resumed on Monday, notwithstanding the orders of the day. I will therefore put the motion:

It is moved by the hon. member for Kindersley (Mr. Carmichael), seconded by the hon. member for Southeast Grey (Miss MacPhail), that the debate be now adjourned, under the agreement arrived at.