

posal of His Majesty for this purpose. (Applause.)

THE BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Before we adjourn, has the hon. leader of the Government any announcement that he can make as to the nature and the state of the business to be laid before us?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I cannot say when the Commons will give final passage to the legislation now before it, but the most important Bill that will come before us this session may possibly reach us tomorrow. There is every desire on the part of the Government to expedite the legislation in the Commons. I spoke to the Prime Minister on the subject this morning, and he assured me of his anxiety to do everything possible to keep the Senate engaged.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—What is the nature of that particular Bill?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It is a Bill giving to the Government extraordinary powers during time of war. The Bill is a fairly lengthy one, containing many very important clauses embodying powers that are of a special character.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT—Is there to be only one Bill?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No, there are four Bills, but the others might be regarded as financial Bills.

Hon. Mr. BELCOURT—Could not my hon. friend induce the Government to have those Bills which are not financial measures introduced in this House so that we might be doing something?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The Bill to which I allude came up in the Commons yesterday and was advanced as far as possible. That is, the Bill giving extraordinary powers to the Government of Canada during time of war. The other Bills are, I think I am safe in saying, of a financial character. One is dealing with the war appropriation. Another proposes amending the Dominion Notes Act, which is one particularly within the control of the Minister of Finance; and the other is a Bill entitled The Finance Act of 1914, which is of a financial character; so that there is only the one Bill, and that is in charge of the Minister of Jus-

tice, which is not of a financial nature, and that Bill has been advanced as far as can possibly be done up to the present.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—As I understand, the Government is about to introduce a measure through the Finance Minister to revise the tariff under the Customs Act and the Excise Revenue. Will that be a separate Bill, or will it be included in the Bill giving to the Government extraordinary powers of administration? That will be a very important point. If the two Bills are separate, of course we can deal separately with them. I am prepared to give the Government every power at once, and every million of dollars that Canada can afford. In regard to the revision of the tariff under the Customs Act and the Excise Act, of course there might be room for difference of opinion; not as regards the war at all—there will be no question about that. As a Canadian I am prepared to vote all the money that Canada can afford or cannot afford, to bring this war to a happy issue. On behalf of the people I represent, I am prepared to give all power, extraordinary if you will. When it comes to a revision of the tariff, I hope the measure introduced by the Government will be in the interests of the people as well as of the funds that are required for the war. I simply throw out the suggestion that there may be room for a difference of opinion.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I would say to my hon. friend that if there should be a Bill amending the tariff, it would be a separate Bill.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—That is all.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I should like to know if the hon. leader proposes that the House shall sit on Saturday.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The Prime Minister informed me this morning that he would ascertain the feelings of the Commons this afternoon as to their sitting on Saturday. I hope to be able to answer the hon. gentleman's question to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. POWER—If it is proposed to sit on Saturday the hon. gentleman would be wise to give notice to-day, so as to prevent himself from being headed off to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I appreciate the suggestion of my hon. friend, and I shall give the necessary notice to suspend the rules so as to permit of our sitting on Sat-