

WAYS AND MEANS.

On motion of Hon. A. K. Maclean it was ordered that this House do on Friday next resolve itself into a committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty.

RE-ARRANGEMENTS AND TRANSFERS OF DUTIES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

Right Hon. Sir ROBERT BORDEN moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 2, to authorize re-arrangments and transfers of duties in the Public Service.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Kindly explain.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: This Bill authorizes the Governor in Council to change any department or any branch of a department from the direction of one minister to the direction of another. It has become evident that some re-arrangement of certain departments is necessary. It is a short Bill; I will read it for the information of the House:

1.—(1) The Governor in Council shall have power,—

(a) to transfer any powers, duties or functions or the control or supervision of any part of the public service from one minister of the Crown to any other minister of the Crown, or from one department or portion of the public service to any other department or portion of the public service; or

(b) to amalgamate and combine any two or more departments under one minister of the Crown and under one Deputy Minister.

(2) All orders made by the Governor in Council under the provisions of this Act shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament within fifteen days after they are made if Parliament is then sitting, and if not, then within fifteen days from the commencement of the next ensuing session of Parliament.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, Bill No. 3, to confer the electoral franchise upon women, was introduced and read the first time.

DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 4, to provide for the time in Canada being in advance of the solar mean time during the summer months.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Is this the same Bill as last year?

[Mr. A. K. Maclean.]

Sir GEORGE FOSTER: It is similar to last year's Bill.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE.

On the Order for Questions being called:

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: At this stage may I ask the Government, by your leave Mr. Speaker, if it is expected that the Minister of Finance (Sir Thomas White) will be in his seat this session?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I will make an announcement with regard to that to-morrow.

QUESTIONS.

(Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisks).

DUTIES ON FARM IMPLEMENTS.

*Mr. LEMIEUX:

1. Has the Government received any petition praying for the removal of duties on farm implements?

2. What action, if any, does the Government intend to take with a view to meeting the demands of the western farmers on this question?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN:

1. There have been communications on the subject alluded to.

2. Any necessary announcement will be made in due course.

LORD BEAVERBROOK.

Mr. DEVLIN:

1. Has the Government of Canada paid any money directly or indirectly to Lord Beaverbrook?

2. If so, how much, and for what purpose was the money paid?

3. What was the nature of the services rendered by Lord Beaverbrook to Canada?

4. What was the nature of the campaign of propaganda, if any, and the details of such campaign?

5. What were the concrete results?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN:

1 and 2. Lord Beaverbrook's services to the Canadian Government as Canadian Record Officer and as Officer in Charge of the Canadian War Records Office have been given entirely without remuneration. The expenses of the Canadian War Records Office have been paid partly out of the war vote and partly out of the profits derived from the sale of the publications, photographs and moving picture films produced under the auspices of the office. The total grant for this purpose has been \$25,000, of which only a portion has been expended.