

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: That may be an excuse, or it may be a reason.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): It is a pretty good one.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: The Minister of National Defence says it is a good one. I have no doubt he wants to get down to Nova Scotia and repair broken fences. The Prime Minister says the Senate wants to restore patronage. Well, only one meaning can be drawn from my right hon. friend's remark; he knows full well that after the next election the reins of power will be transferred from trembling hands into stronger hands.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I said, should there ever be a change.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: No, what my right hon. friend said was this—

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): Do not be too meticulous at this time of the morning.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: My hon. friend, I am afraid, is not drawing the necessary distinction between a matter meticulous and a matter of truth. Now, what was said was that the effect of this amendment was to restore patronage, and I submit that there is no foundation for that remark.

Mr. MACDONALD (Pictou): Do not worry about it.

Sir HENRY DRAYTON: The Minister of National Defence is right; there was nothing to the remark, and we will not worry about it.

Motion agreed to; amendments read the second time and concurred in.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ADJOURNMENT

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Prime Minister): I move, seconded by Mr. Graham:

That on Saturday the 27th of June 1925, the House shall meet at eleven o'clock in the morning; that in addition to the usual intermission at six o'clock p.m., there shall also be an intermission from one to three o'clock; and that the order of business and procedure shall be the same on that day as on Friday.

Mr. SPEAKER: By unanimous consent.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Before I consent to this I want to know what the purpose is and what the intention is as to business to-morrow.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: It is only to ensure that the Commons will be assembled in the morning at eleven to receive the message from His Excellency when he comes to prorogue parliament, either in person or by his deputy.

Mr. MEIGHEN: There will be no further business than that of prorogation?

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: No further business.

Motion agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King the House adjourned at 4.20 a.m. (Saturday).

Saturday, June 27, 1925.

The House met at eleven o'clock.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. SPEAKER: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the following letter:

Office of Governor General's Secretary
Canada

Ottawa, 27th June, 1925.

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Honourable F. A. Anglin, acting as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber on Saturday, June 27th, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present session of parliament.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. F. SLADEN,
Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable,
The Speaker of the House of Commons,
Ottawa.

I have the honour to inform the House that I have received the following message from the Senate:

Saturday, 27th June, 1925.

Resolved, that a message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that it is the Deputy Governor's desire that they attend him immediately in the Senate chamber, and—

Ordered, that the said message be communicated to the House of Commons by one of the clerks at the Table.

A. E. BLOUNT,
Clerk of the Senate.

Right Hon. ARTHUR MEIGHEN (Leader of the Opposition): It seems necessary, Mr. Speaker, to remind the government of the undertaking given me yesterday by the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Mr. Low) and the Minister of the Interior (Mr. Stewart, Argenteuil).

Right Hon. GEORGE P. GRAHAM (Minister of Railways and Canals): Mr. Speaker, the reply to that question was made out and I see there are several errors in it, so that it could not be very well laid on the table of the House. I promise my right hon. friend that the corrections will be made and he will be sent a copy of it.