

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Under the rules of the House of Commons there is provision made for the submission of questions to the Government. We have nothing akin to that in this House. On the other hand, there is nothing in the House of Commons analogous to our proceeding known as "inquiries," which might possibly take up the whole afternoon, and this is the only thing that I ask should come after the Orders of the Day. If papers are wanted, they can be brought down on motion, or notice of motion given. I do not disturb the priority which those two items of business take, and there is no desire to suppress anything like an ordinary question.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: As I understand the motion, it would cut out the proceedings which we have just gone through on the Order Paper to-day.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: It would put them after the Orders of the Day, that is all. Surely the Orders of the Day are more important than inquiries, important though inquiries may be. It is not intended to cut them out at all except to give precedence to the others.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I think there is a way to get out of the difficulty. I think that what the Government wants is to make Government measures the first Order of the Day. We could do that during the remainder of the session.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Under the rule Orders of the Day are entirely different from inquiries and motions and notices of inquiry. If my honourable friend means that the first order of business for the day, after the doors are opened, shall be the Orders of the Day, I am content.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: No, the honourable gentleman is too cute. What I mean is that the Orders of the Day are called there are some motions that have been postponed—take, for instance, the motion which I made the other day on the bilingual question. The debate was adjourned.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: That is on the Orders of the Day.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: Yes, but what I understand the honourable gentleman wants is to have the Government measures brought up first, after the Orders of the Day are called.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I want them to take precedence of inquiries, not notices of inquiries and motions.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: If you take all the time for a government measure, when will we have time for an answer?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: We will not take all the time for that.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: Suppose I gave notice of motion for Thursday, that motion would never come.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: That is not disturbed. We only disturb inquiries.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: Yes, you disturb any motion that may be made.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Notices of inquiries and motions, then Orders of the Day.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: Will the honourable gentleman strike out the words "and motions"?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I am willing that, after the calling of notices of inquiries, Orders of the Day shall be called.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: With the understanding that it does not interfere with motions. I want to make it clear. Do we understand that it gives motions precedence over the Orders of the Day.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Yes, it only postpones inquiries.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: With that understanding I have no objection. I want to make a motion for the nomination of a committee.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE: In order to be very clear—

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: I take the word of the honourable gentleman. The more the honourable gentleman explains the more I am confused.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I will cease, then.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: Just to illustrate, I give notice of motion to-day. The honourable leader of the Government says the Orders of the Day come before this. Well, if the Orders of the Day come before this they come before any motions that you will find on the paper.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: We will couple notices of inquiries with motions.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: In the opinion of the honourable gentleman, the inquiries are struck out.

Hon. Mr. THOMPSON: Until after the Orders of the Day.