

will be very little debatable matter about those Bills. They are all private measures relating chiefly to railway companies. I would suggest, as there is evidently very little debatable matter in them, that when they are read the first time, with the consent of the House the 41st rule should be suspended, and they be read the second time. The House would not meet to-morrow, but the Railway Committee could meet, and by the suspension of the 41st and 61st rules, these Bills can be all taken up by the Committee and considered, which would expedite business very much, and I have no doubt it is the desire of every hon. gentleman to expedite the public business at this late period of the session as much as possible.

**THE SPEAKER**—Do I understand that the suspension of the 41st rule shall be moved in each case after a bill passes the first reading?

**HON. MR. MILLER**—I was going to suggest that after each bill is read the first time that the gentleman in charge of it should move that the 41st rule be suspended as regards that bill, and that the bill be read the second time if the House has no objection.

### EDMONTON AND SASKATCHEWAN LAND COMPANY'S BILL.

#### FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

Bill (84) "An Act respecting the Edmonton and Saskatchewan Land Company (Limited)," was introduced and read the first time.

**HON. MR. CARVELL**—As this is a permissive Bill to enable the Company to receive shares of the Company in exchange for its own property, I move the suspension of the 41st rule of the House and that it be read the second time presently and referred to the Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

**HON. MR. POWER**—I am not going to oppose the resolution of my hon. friend, but I think the better way for him

**HON. MR. MILLER.**

to do would be to divide his motion. I was going to make this statement with reference to the proposition of the hon. gentleman from Richmond. I think we are all desirous of expediting the business of the House, that is, so far as it is consistent with due consideration of the measures that come before us. As a member of the Railway Committee, however, I do not wish to be understood as committing myself to letting every measure go to that Committee as a matter of course and not opposing it in this House afterwards, because I do not now object to the proposal to dispense with our rule, which requires the posting up of those bills in a hall of the House. I have some doubt as to whether it is wise to suspend that rule. I think there is some other business before the Railway Committee—that there are enough bills now to employ the Railway Committee to-morrow morning, and without suspending this rule the Committee can consider these Bills at the beginning of the week.

The motion was agreed to.

The Bill was read the second time under a suspension of the 41st Rule.

### THE MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY'S BILL.

#### FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill (75) "An Act respecting the Midland Railway Company of Canada."

The bill was read the first time.

**HON. MR. FERRIER** moved that the 41st rule be suspended so far as it relates to this Bill, and that it be read the second time presently.

**HON. MR. POWER**—If the motion is put in that form I shall object.

**HON. MR. MILLER**—The hon. member has a perfect right to object to the motion being put in that form, but the motion, I contend, is perfectly regular; to assert that it is not would be to assert that a compound proposition is not in order.