

passed. In the name of the rights of the commons I demand that this part of the record, as it here appears, shall be effaced. If the Prime Minister desires to have the proceedings of parliament conducted in a regular way he should formally put to the house a motion asking that standing order No. 2 be suspended in order that the house be permitted to sit this morning. I shall do what I can to secure for such a motion unanimous consent. I submit that unless that motion is put and agreed to as regularizing proceedings, in order that to-day's proceedings may be regular it will be necessary to adjourn this house until three o'clock, which is the time fixed for the regular sitting. As Your Honour very well knows, notice has to be given of a motion of this kind.

Mr. BENNETT: Not a motion to adjourn.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: But notice has to be given of a motion to change the time of sitting.

Mr. BENNETT: Not when the hour is fixed at adjournment.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Notice has to be given to change any rule of the house; the Prime Minister knows that very well. He knows that the rules of the house required that before this house could sit on Saturday last a notice had to be made to suspend standing order No. 2 in order to give the house authority to sit. In the same way a motion must be made formally and passed by this house in order to give the house authority to sit in the morning today.

Let me make it perfectly clear that I am not raising this point to prolong the proceedings of this parliament further than may be necessary. I would go as far as to say that I would advise hon. members on this side of the house, if a motion is formally put to suspend standing order No. 2 and that the house sit at eleven o'clock this morning, to give their unanimous consent, but I am going to request as emphatically as I can that this alleged resolution, which appears in the votes and proceedings, which was never passed and which has no right to appear in the votes and proceedings of Saturday, August 1, be deleted, and that the records of this parliament be a faithful and true record of what transpires in this house. On Saturday last a measure was put through this House of Commons which removed the necessity of parliament meeting for a period of seven months. That is serious enough. So long as parliament continues to be sitting, if it

is at all possible so to do I propose to see as far as I can that the commons exercises its rights at least in regard to its own business and that a faithful and true record is given in the Journals of parliament with respect to what transpires.

Right Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister): I cannot say that I am at all surprised at the observations of the right hon. gentleman; they are wholly in keeping with what I would expect, but the record shows that the Journals correctly record what transpired. At page 4516, from which the right hon. gentleman read, it will be observed that I started to move the adjournment of the house when my right hon. friend asked, "Until when?" It was he who raised that very question, speaking for the opposition as I assumed, and no question came from any other quarter of the house. Thereupon I said I was going to move that the house stand adjourned until either eleven o'clock or three o'clock, whichever the right hon. gentleman and his friends might prefer, whereupon he said:

My right hon. friend has shown his capacity to make decisions. He had better say which.

I said eleven o'clock, therefore, and the motion was that when the house met on Monday it would meet at eleven o'clock.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: There was no motion; my right hon. friend said—

Mr. BENNETT: It is here; I moved the adjournment of the house.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: It is not there.

Mr. BENNETT: It is here, and what is more the excitement of the right hon. gentleman is not in keeping with the calm repose that should mark an occasion of this character, the last day of the present session. The fact is that I did not conclude the motion to adjourn by fixing the hour at which we should meet this day; I asked my right hon. friend, as a matter of courtesy, to fix the hour having regard to the fact that his friends had said they had not been given an opportunity to discuss these items. When I extended that invitation my right hon. friend said, "No, do it yourself," whereupon I said eleven o'clock in order that there might be no question. The house thereupon accepted that motion unanimously.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: The house did not accept it.

Mr. BENNETT: It was accepted un-  
animously, when I said I would suggest the hour