

Mr. BUREAU: I would leave that to the Minister of Finance. He already has enough embarrassments, and I do not want to add to them.

Mr. A. A. McLEAN: I move the adjournment of the debate. I suppose that the leader of the House will give us assurance that opportunity will be afforded us to resume the debate.

Mr. HAZEN: Yes, opportunity will be given to continue the debate at an early day.

Mr. GRAHAM: I would suggest that it be not gone on with too soon, as some of the members will take advantage of the Ash Wednesday holiday to remain away for two days.

Mr. HAZEN: I think that quite reasonable. It will be better to fix some day next week, a day to be agreed upon between the leaders of the House.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Hazen, the House adjourned at 11.40 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7, 1916.

The House met at Three o'clock, the Speaker in the Chair.

PRIVILEGE.

FRAUDULENT QUESTIONS.

On the Orders of the Day:

Mr. CARVELL: I find in the Orders of the day a question standing in my name, No. 15, as follows:

1. What are the names, salaries and nationalities of those persons appointed since October 10, 1911, in the Department of Public Printing and Stationery, and the nature of the work assigned to each?

2. How many promotions have been made among those in the inside service of the said department since October 10, 1911, and what are the names of the persons so promoted?

In the Orders of the Day of yesterday the same question appeared, and three others, relating to the Printing Bureau: No. 43, in the name of the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Cruise); No. 44, in the name of the hon. member for Prescott (Mr. Proulx); and No. 46, in the name of the hon. member for Mackenzie (Mr. Cash). On inquiry, I find that the hon. member for Mackenzie was not in the city when the notice standing in his name was placed

[Mr. Hughes.]

upon the Order Paper. The other two gentlemen state that they knew nothing about the questions standing in their names. For my part, I never heard of this question, never was consulted about it, and never knew of it until I read it in the Order Paper yesterday. I cannot understand it, although I have looked into the matter. I am satisfied that a gross fraud has been practised on members on this side of the House by the placing of these questions on the Order Paper in our names. I have been informed by the Clerk of Records that the questions were simply typewritten, with our names in typewritten characters. I wish to repeat emphatically that I know nothing about this question and never was consulted about it. As I have said, some person is imposing on the privileges of this House. I wish that this question be stricken from the Orders of the Day, and I think, Sir, it is your duty to investigate this matter and to serve out to the guilty party the punishment which he so richly deserves.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will certainly inquire into the matter.

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN moved the second reading of Bill No. 48, to amend an Act to incorporate The Canadian Red Cross Society. He said: As this Bill is essentially a Bill of a private nature, although introduced as a Government measure at the request of the Council of the Canadian Red Cross Society, it is desirable that it should be referred to some committee of the House. My right hon. friend has suggested that it be referred to the Committee on Standing Orders; but I would suggest that it be referred instead to the Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills. I do not know that there is any need to send it to the Committee on Standing Orders, because that committee could only report that the ordinary formal procedure had not been carried out. It was introduced as a Government measure in order that there might not be expense, delay and inconvenience in publishing it. If any person connected with the Society, or any other person, desires to make any representations with regard to the Bill, he will have opportunity of doing so if it is referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills. I move that the Bill be referred to that committee.