

Private Bills

Mr. Coates: If this is their attitude when they are in opposition certainly the people of Nova Scotia can be well aware of what their attitude would be if they were ever in government again. We would be back to the sad old 22 years when we received nothing, nothing, nothing.

Mr. M. D. Morton (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, if there is a minute left, I should like to point out one thing in connection with this bill. Although the emphasis is on the matter of preference to Canadian goods, no matter how well we may deal with this preference and no matter how well we may phrase the language of this act, unless we do something with respect to the specifications that are submitted for the tenders, all our efforts will be to no avail. If these departments and the officials who are making up the specifications were more Canadian conscious and tried to specify Canadian goods, I feel we would have a preference for Canadians even without this act. However, I often get the impression, when we are finding out whether or not a Canadian firm is getting the work, that the specifications have required some item for which they must go to a United States firm in order to get it. That situation is prevalent in many of our departments. As far as this bill is concerned, my opinion is that if our officials were more Canadian conscious we would have less requirement for this bill. However, I think it is a good bill and I want to compliment the hon. member for bringing it before the house.

Some hon. Members: Question.

Some hon. Members: Six o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: It is now six o'clock by my clock and I note that it is some minutes past six o'clock by the one on the left. It must be the weather.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Chevrier: May I have an indication of what the business will be on Tuesday and Wednesday?

Mr. Nowlan: I cannot go beyond Monday at the moment. As I told the house last night, on Monday there will be a motion to go into supply. It may be that the usual pattern will be followed and that this debate will go into Tuesday. At the moment I can only say that on Monday we shall be dealing with that matter. On Monday night I believe the house leader will be back and he undoubtedly will be able to inform the house what the business will be.

Mr. Chevrier: Can the acting house leader say what the business will be after the motion to go into supply has been disposed of?

Mr. Nowlan: I cannot give a definite commitment but I assume that it would be the conclusion of the debate on the setting up of the broadcasting committee and the setting up of the committee on railways, airlines and shipping. I shall have to consult with the house leader when he returns tomorrow.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.