

cussion, nor is it possible to have a reasonable discussion under those circumstances. It is a very remarkable divergence from the ordinary rules of debate. I do not find anything in the rules of debate that warrants that course, and certainly we cannot have a proper consideration and discussion of the amendment and of the section unless we consider them separately and vote on them separately.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Would the minister keep the axe suspended for one moment, by consent? Of course I have no right to speak except by consent. I wish to call attention to the fact that the arbitration provision is unusual. There is no provision to

meet the condition of what
1 a.m. might happen if the pledgees
and company should decline to
appoint an arbitrator. In the meantime, the Government will have taken the stock and begun to spend money on the road. Then there is no provision in case of the death of an arbitrator.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: The Arbitration Act.

Mr. E. LAPOINTE: I wish to draw the attention of the Prime Minister to certain words uttered by him on the 7th of August when the resolution which preceded this Bill was introduced in the House.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Question.

The CHAIRMAN: The hon. member—

Mr. E. LAPOINTE: It is on page 4386 of Hansard. The Prime Minister allows me to refer to it and you will be kind enough to listen. The right hon. leader of the Opposition (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) had made a suggestion that a committee should be appointed to consider the resolution. The right hon. gentleman replied:

I would suggest to my right hon. friend that we might go into committee on the resolution and perhaps pass it, and then, before the second reading takes place, we could consider my right hon. friend's suggestion. It is desirable, of course, that all information that is relevant should be afforded, but whatever discussion could take place upon the resolution could also take place in committee after the second reading of the Bill.

Upon those words of my right hon. friend, the resolution was allowed to pass. Now that we are in committee after the second reading of the Bill, is it fair that we should be prevented from carrying on the discussion that the right hon. gentleman said we would have an opportunity for?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I think that we not only had all the opportunity referred

to but a great deal more. We have been at it for a good many days.

Mr. E. LAPOINTE: I have had no chance to say a word yet.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: My hon. friend has been deprived of the opportunity by others on his own side of the House who have monopolized the time. He will be given great opportunity to-morrow because none of these gentlemen who have been speaking for an hour and one-half at a time can speak for more than twenty minutes to-morrow.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Two o'clock in the morning comes very quickly.

Motion, Sir Thomas White, carried on the same division last recorded.

On the title of the Bill:

Sir THOMAS WHITE: I beg to move that the further consideration of the title be postponed.

Motion agreed to.

Sir THOMAS WHITE: I give notice that at the next sitting of the Committee of the Whole House on this Bill I will move that the further consideration of clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4, the amendments and the title of the Bill shall be the first business of the committee and shall not further be postponed.

Mr. E. LAPOINTE: When will there be that ample opportunity for us to speak on the Bill that the right hon. gentleman spoke of?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: To-day.

Progress reported.

On motion of Sir Robert Borden, the House adjourned at 1.10 a.m. (Tuesday).

Tuesday, August 28, 1917.

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

REPORT PRESENTED.

Summary Report of the Geological Survey, Department of Mines, for the calendar year, 1916.—Hon. Mr. Meighen.

CANADIAN RAILWAY SITUATION.

CONSIDERATION OF CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY BILL RESUMED IN COMMITTEE—RULE 17B APPLIED.

Consideration in committee of Bill No. 125, providing for the acquisition by His