

House of Commons Debates

FIRST SESSION—TENTH PARLIAMENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, June 23, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. R. G. MACPHERSON moved :

That the following Bills from the Senate be placed upon the order paper amongst Private Bills for the second reading this day :

Bill (No. 177) respecting certain patents of D. T. Owens.

Bill (No. 178) respecting the Canada Central Railway Company.

Bill (No. 129) respecting the Brandon, Saskatchewan and Hudson Bay Railway Company.

Bill (No. 182) respecting the Sterling Bank of Canada.

Bill (No. 183) respecting a certain patent of the Metal Volatilization Company.

Bill (No. 185) for the relief of Isaac Pitblado.

Mr. T. S. SPROULE. In regard to that motion, it is a departure from what is the usual procedure of the House. I could understand that there might be a necessity for it if the session were about at an end, but with the budget speech not yet made it seems to me that there ought to be plenty of time to deal with these Bills in the usual way. I am not going to object to it, but if we start upon some irregular course it is afterwards referred to as a precedent and quoted as a justification for continuing an irregular course.

Mr. SPEAKER. If there is any objection to the motion, these Bills will have to stand and take the usual course.

Motion withdrawn.

REPORT PRESENTED.

Report of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery on the Tenth General Election.—Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have the honour to inform the House that I have received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the certificate of the election and return of the Hon. Chas. S. Hyman for the electoral district of London, Ontario.

APPOINTMENTS TO CIVIL SERVICE SINCE 1896.

On the Orders of the Day being called,

Mr. T. S. SPROULE. I would like to inquire about the motion which was passed on the 13th March asking for a return of the number of permanent appointments made to the civil service since 1896. I have no word of it yet, and it seems to me that it is something that could be made out very easily in a week or ten days if there were any desire to hurry it up. It seems that the delay is needlessly long.

JUDICIAL VACANCIES, PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I would like to ask my hon. friend the Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) if it is convenient for him to give the information as to which I inquired in regard to the vacancies on the judicial bench in the different provinces. The reason why I ask the question to-day is that some correspondence has been placed in my hands in regard to one of these vacancies, and I would like to discuss the subject at some early date.

Hon. CHAS. FITZPATRICK (Minister of Justice). Mr. Speaker, I have had prepared, in answer to the suggestion of my hon. and learned friend (Mr. R. L. Borden), a memorandum showing the vacancies in the courts of the different provinces, and also the vacancy in the Supreme Court, as follows :

Supreme Court of Canada.

Mr. Justice Killam, resigned, 6th February, 1905 ; Mr. Justice Idington, promoted, 10th February, 1905.

Ontario.

Chancery Division, Supreme Court of Judicature.—Mr. Justice Ferguson, died, 31st May, 1904 ; Mr. Justice Magee, appointed, 25th June, 1904.

Exchequer Division.—Mr. Justice Idington, removed to Supreme Court of Canada, 10th February, 1905 ; Mr. Justice Clute, appointed, 10th February, 1905 ; Chief Justiceship established by 3 Edward VII, chapter 27 ; no appointment made yet.