

has for its purpose the making of any such change without its being submitted to the people, we should move with the greatest possible care and caution. I am sure that such a spirit will animate every member of this House and of the Government in dealing with this question.

I suggested a moment ago that it was not my purpose for the present to go fully into this discussion, but I thought it well to make these observations at this stage, as I have it in view to move the adjournment of the debate in a few moments.

It has been arranged with the Prime Minister that the discussion on the Address shall not proceed for the moment, as he is anxious to bring forward some business in connection with the Treaty, and, of course, we are only too glad to facilitate this important business. I now beg to move that the debate be adjourned.

Motion agreed to.

Sir SAM HUGHES (Victoria): Might we have some intimation when the debate will be resumed?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Very soon, I think. There is a matter of urgency on which I desire to speak. With the permission of the House I should like this afternoon to take the resolution which is to be found on page ii of the Votes and Proceedings, and which reads as follows, with the addition of two words which were accidentally omitted:

Resolved, that it is expedient that Parliament do approve of the Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Germany (and the Protocol annexed thereto), which was signed at Versailles on the twenty-eighth day of June, nineteen hundred and nineteen, a copy of which has been laid before Parliament, and which was signed on behalf of His Majesty, acting for Canada, by the plenipotentiaries therein named, and that this House do approve thereof in the same.

I beg to move for the leave of the House to proceed now with this resolution, which in the ordinary course could not be taken until to-morrow.

Mr. JACQUES BUREAU (Three Rivers and St. Maurice): May I ask whether this resolution involves a full discussion of the Treaty which has been laid on the Table to-day?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: Certainly.

Mr. BUREAU: I might remark that I have not had an opportunity of reading the Treaty, except such parts of it as were published in the newspapers; and I think most of my fellow-members are in the same

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position. We could hardly have an intelligent discussion until we have had an opportunity of studying the Treaty. I understood that this resolution was put on the Order Paper to give the Prime Minister an opportunity to make a statement, and that after the statement had been made the debate would be adjourned until hon. members had had an opportunity of studying the Treaty.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I think it would be only reasonable, if hon. gentlemen desire it, that the debate should be adjourned after I make my statement. On the other hand, I think the statement which I shall make to the House may possibly be of some assistance in giving to hon. gentlemen a conception of the salient points of the Treaty, and especially as they affect the interests of this country. It was really with that idea I proposed to take this resolution this afternoon. I shall be quite agreeable to whatever my hon. friends on the other side may desire as to to adjourning the debate after I have made the statement.

Mr. D. D. MCKENZIE (Cape Breton North and Victoria): I am sorry I omitted to say that the Prime Minister agreed this morning to adjourning the debate after he had made his statement.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN (South York): I think a large number of copies of the Treaty should be printed and distributed for the use not only of members of this House, but of the Canadian public. I do not think it would take a great deal of space to incorporate it in Hansard. At all events, the Treaty and the associated documents should be printed immediately so that the members of this House and the public may become acquainted with the real issues involved.

Sir SAM HUGHES: I have not had the privilege of reading the resolution or the Treaty, except as it appeared in the papers. I do not know what the object of the resolution may be. I cannot find it in the Votes and Proceedings. I think in all fairness to members on both sides of the House some notification should have been given, so that we would have known this was coming up. Is it the intention that the Prime Minister's statement shall conclude the debate?

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I have already explained that I desire to make a statement which I thought might be helpful to members of the House in grasping the salient points of the Treaty, and that immediately after I have made the statement the debate may