

consideration the accompanying plan whereon is indicated what we believe will be the more desirable arrangement in the interests of both the town of Lloydminster and the surrounding district.

You will note that while retaining the fourth meridian as the boundary line as far north as the Battle river the line is then deflected to the east and follows the course of the Battle river as far as the division line between ranges 23 and 24, and thence proceeds north along the said line to the Saskatchewan river and follows the course of the latter, westerly back to the fourth meridian. The divisional line between ranges 23 and 24 from the Battle to the Saskatchewan rivers passes through a sparsely settled and low lying country where there are no villages, and the suggested arrangement would not, we believe, be detrimental in any way.

This arrangement will place the whole of the so called British colony in the same province as Lloydminster, which is very desirable in the interests of the whole district.

We respectfully beg that this matter will receive your earnest consideration.

If the town of Lloydminster were fully settled, I think there would be a good deal to be said in favour of deflecting the line; but I understand that it is in its infancy as yet and that there are only a few houses on one side of the line, while all the other are on the other side; and to deflect the line would make it unshapely and inconvenient generally. Therefore, having consulted several gentlemen, I have not heard any reason favourable to the view put forth in this letter. The government would be glad to grant the wish of the settlers if there were not the inconveniences to which I have called attention.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. That is one matter with respect to which parliament can act afterwards with the consent of both legislatures—the boundaries of the two provinces.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. What shall we say as to the third reading?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Can we not take up the Saskatchewan Bill to-day and insert the same clauses and the same amendments? It will be the work of only half an hour.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Perhaps we had better let it stand until Monday. I would like to consider what amendments, if any, will have to be moved to that Bill to make our position clear. I am not referring to discussion; I am referring to formal amendments; because it is idle to repeat discussions. The schedule, however, I have no doubt will have to be discussed unless we come to an arrangement in committee. When do you propose to take the third reading of this Bill?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. When will suit the convenience of hon. gentlemen opposite?

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. So far as I am concerned, I think it would be agreeable to take it on Tuesday.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Then, if it is agreeable to the hon. leader of the opposition, we might on Monday take up the Saskatchewan Bill and adopt the same amendments that we have made in this Bill. I have two or three other Bills ancillary to this which we might take up on Monday. Then, on Tuesday we would be ready to dispose of the whole legislation with respect to the new provinces.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I do not know that we shall be able to get through with it all on Tuesday. I understand that what you propose to do with the Saskatchewan Bill on Monday is to deal with it in committee?

Mr. FITZPATRICK. That is all.

Bill reported, as amended, amendments read the first and the second time, and agreed to.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, House adjourned at 12.15 A.M. Saturday.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, July 3, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Mr. G. H. PERLEY. Some time ago a resolution was unanimously passed by this House declaring that some active steps should be taken to lessen the great mortality caused by tuberculosis. With the consent of the House I would like to move, seconded by Mr. Black:

That a special committee composed of Messrs. Barr, Béland, Black, Cash, Chisholm, Daniel, Dugas, Gordon, Hughes (Prince Edward Island), Johnston (Lambton), Laurence, Loggie, Miller, Paquet, Parmelee, Roche (Marquette), Schaffner, Schell (Oxford), Smith (Nanaimo), Thompson and the mover, be appointed to act as members, on the part of this House, of a joint committee of both Houses, for the purpose of considering what further steps should be taken and what suggestions can be made, in the direction of the suppression of tuberculosis in Canada, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report from time to time; and that that part of rule 83 which limits the number of members to serve on such committee be suspended.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). This motion is somewhat irregular, in that no notice has been given. But the Senate has already taken action in this matter, and this is simply a proposal to join in that action. And, as no interest can suffer through want of notice, I suppose there is no objection to the adoption of the resolution.

Motion agreed to.