

ment with the leader of the opposition that when we got to this clause I was to move the amendment and that the matter was to remain there and I notified the hon. member for Hamilton (Mr. Barker) to that effect.

Mr. SPROULE. I want to tell the Minister of Justice that if I understood it I was in charge of this side of the House. I have noticed that disrespect more than once. Now to-night I asked a question which I did for a purpose. I know that some of our members desire to deal with this question but are not here to-night, and I think at least it was due to any one who was representing this side of the House that they should be treated to the courtesy of a reply but the Minister of Justice does not deign to do that.

Mr. FITZPATRICK. I made my reply. I am endeavouring if I can to proceed with some regularity in regard to this Bill. Of course I adopted the proper course. I moved that the clause be considered, I moved the amendment, and when that was done I intended to make the explanation that the clause was to remain in abeyance.

Mr. SPROULE. Was I out of place in asking the minister what he meant to do? He said: 'I made an arrangement with the leader of the opposition.' But the leader of the opposition was not here and was it incorrect to give a reply and to give the explanation? I knew that certain members desired to discuss this clause. That is just one of those lacks of courtesy which the hon. minister has shown more than once.

Progress reported.

On motion of Mr. Fielding, House adjourned at 1.40 a.m., Friday.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY, May 12, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

FIRST READINGS.

Bill (No. 153) for the relief of George Pearson.—Mr. Calvert.

Bill (No. 154) for the relief of George Dance Harper.—Mr. T. G. Johnston.

Bill (No. 152) for the relief of Clara Bidwell McDermot.—Mr. Campbell.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES—CONSTITUENCIES.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to men-

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tion to the Prime Minister that when he was good enough to hand to me a written statement of the delimitations of the proposed provincial constituencies in the province of Alberta, he accompanied it with a statement of the vote cast in each of these constituencies at the general elections on the 3rd of November last. No such statement having accompanied the delimitations which were handed to me with respect to the province of Saskatchewan, I would be very glad to have such a statement for that province, as it would facilitate some work which is being done in that regard.

Rt. Hon. Sir WILFRID LAURIER (Prime Minister). I am getting this attended to, and I hope we shall have these figures perhaps on Monday, and all information possible.

DETENTION OF CANADIANS AT UNITED STATES BOUNDARY.

Mr. S. BARKER. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I desire to direct the attention of the government to a complaint that I have received from a camp of the Sons of Scotland in Hamilton. I can the more shortly do that by reading a letter, which is addressed to me by the secretary of Camp 21, Sons of Scotland, Hamilton:

On the 21st of April (Good Friday) there was an excursion from Hamilton to Buffalo per Toronto, Hamilton and Brantford Railway, and as usual a large number went. Amongst others in the excursion were John Stevenson and Thomas Mair, employees of the Sawyer-Massey Company. On reaching the bridge at the Falls, they were accosted by an American official, who interrogated them in the car as to how long they had been in Canada, &c., and told them to follow him. He took them to the customs-house and told them to sit down, and demanded \$2 each before they would be allowed to proceed. They assured him both by letter—

I presume by production of letter.

—and otherwise that they were only on a visit to their folks in Buffalo, and were returning same evening, and showed their return tickets, and on that not satisfying him, offered to deposit \$4 if it would be refunded on their return. But this he refused, and detained them in a cold room for over two hours and insisted on their return to Hamilton on the 1.15 train. Neither had any luggage, being only on a visit. This may seem small in itself, not a very serious matter, but on behalf of Brother Scots, the Sons of Scotland of Camp Hamilton No. 21, have asked me to lay it before you as a representative of Hamilton, that you may call the attention of the proper authorities to this unwarranted interference on the part of an official of a friendly nation.

He adds that he has sent a copy to the member for West Hamilton (Mr. Zimmerman) and also to Senator Gibson. I waited yesterday, the member for West Hamilton being away, and as he is still away, I delay no longer in calling the attention of the government to the matter. Under ordinary circumstances, I would have thought it