

Mr. PORTER. I move upon general grounds.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The hon. member cannot move a second motion without some proceeding intervening, so I will call the hon. member to order.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I never heard any such rule as that in committee; that is a rule for the House.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The rules in committee are those that prevail in the House.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I beg pardon, I think that in committee an hon. member can speak as often as he likes; in the House he is confined to the particular question.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. He cannot move a second motion.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. If the other one is to be characterized in the way the chairman has mentioned. He can move again, he can move motions alternately, he can move as often as he likes. A member can move that the committee rise and report progress and then move that the committee rise, and then again that the committee rise and report progress and keep that up indefinitely.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. My hon. friend knows the hon. member cannot move two motions in succession.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I beg pardon, I thought he could provided he does not move the same motion twice in succession.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Does my hon. friend pretend that when a member has moved that the committee rise he can, while still on his feet, move that the committee report progress?

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. Certainly he can, not in the House but in the committee where he can speak as often as he likes. You can move as many motions as you like provided they are not of the same character. You cannot make the same motion twice in succession, that is the only restriction in committee. If, for example, I move an amendment in this committee to clause 16, that need not prevent me moving another and still another to the same clause, providing they are not of the same character.

Mr. PATERSON. And not all running at the same time.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I did not know that any of them were going to run. My hon. friend is trying to be jocular, but his jocularity is rather ponderous. I do not know of any rule which would prevent any hon. member discussing any question on the motion that the committee rise. I have always understood that this motion in committee corresponds to a motion to adjourn the House, and that the mover may debate upon it any matter he sees fit and give any

reason he thinks proper why the committee should rise.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I have not the authorities at hand, but if my hon. friend will take the trouble to look at the books—I have heard it discussed so often in 1885—I am quite certain he will find that upon a motion that the committee rise, the subject under discussion cannot be departed from, but must continue to be discussed.

Mr. STOCKTON. The Chairman only ruled that the reasons assigned by the mover of the resolution were out of order—not that the resolution itself was out of order. The mover of the resolution may give different reasons that will be in accord with the order of the committee.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. He cannot debate anything but the question before the House. Moreover the hon. member for Hastings (Mr. Porter) is stating that the object of his motion is to declare that the committee is not properly constituted because the hon. member for Cape Breton (Mr. McKenzie) is not eligible. This is clearly a question of privilege and not one which can be discussed on this motion.

Mr. STOCKTON. That is one of the reasons, but not all the reasons. The moment the Chairman rules that the reason given by the hon. member for Hastings is out of order, he can drop that and go on with another reason.

Mr. FIELDING. Provided it relates to the subject before the committee.

Mr. STOCKTON. And the motion to adjourn, certainly.

Mr. PORTER. I have only made one motion before the committee, and can give one reason or half a dozen for making it. Whether one reason is good and another bad or not is a matter the committee may deal with. But I do submit that my motion being before the Chair, I have the right to give such reasons as occur to me in support of it.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. I have held that the question raised by the hon. gentleman is not relevant to the subject under discussion.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. What question?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. Regarding the hon. member for Cape Breton and Victoria (Mr. D. D. McKenzie). If you wish to appeal from my decision, the hon. gentleman is at liberty to do so.

Mr. PORTER. I do not desire to appeal from your decision, but I do not think the Chair quite appreciates the position.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman knows that he cannot discuss my