

vinces and of the west, in an earnest wish to see this country become great and united. But we wish to see it become great and united on sound lines. And there is no line so sound as the good old Liberal doctrine of provincial rights of leaving all educational questions to the people of the provinces that are concerned in them.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time on the previous division reversed.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I desire that the House should go into committee, pro forma, that we may begin the committee stage. I move, Mr. Speaker, you do now leave the Chair.

Motion agreed to, and House went into committee on the Bill.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I move that the committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. When does the right hon. gentleman propose to proceed?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. At the next sitting of the House, taking up the financial clauses.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. That is to-day?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. Yes.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. At what hour does the right hon. gentleman propose to adjourn—at six o'clock or at the usual hour?

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I am very much in the hands of the House on that subject.

Mr. OSLER. To attend the funeral of the late Mr. Sutherland, it will be necessary to leave at six o'clock.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. The funeral is not until Saturday, I have been informed.

Mr. TAYLOR. There are a great many who wish to go out by the 11 o'clock train. The unanimous feeling is that we should adjourn at six o'clock.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I will discuss that with hon. gentlemen on both sides, and, if that is the desire I will not object.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I must once more call attention to the schedules which I have mentioned publicly as well as privately on many occasions already. This Bill has been before parliament since the 21st of February. The regular procedure would have been to lay before the House the schedules when the Bill was introduced. We have not had the schedules and have been proceeding irregularly all along. I made no objection so long as we got them in a reasonable time. But,

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after we have been debating this Bill steadily for six weeks, we do not know yet what schedule A or schedule B is.

I want to say to the right hon. gentleman and to the members of the government, that if there is delay for this cause and in this connection, they will have only themselves to blame. I wish to be entirely reasonable about it, but at the same time I do not propose that we should have our hands forced on this side of the House by the introduction of these schedules at a time when it will be impossible for us to investigate them. We may require five or six weeks to investigate them, we might have had them five or six weeks ago but we could not get them. I simply wish to notify the government that if there is very great delay on account of the character of the schedules that they may bring down, they will have no one to blame but themselves. I think my right hon. friend will recognize the absolute justice of the observations I am now making.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I may say to my hon. friend that I expect to be able to place the schedules in his hands to-morrow, or at least on Friday. I think he will find they are very reasonable.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I hope so.

Progress reported.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved the second reading of Bill (No. 70) to establish and provide for the government of the province of Saskatchewan.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. I do not think that stage ought to be taken on this Bill to-night.

Mr. FIELDING. It is the same Bill.

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. I know, but we should at least wait a day or two. I do not think we ought to take the second reading to-night. We may have to discuss that Bill as we have discussed the other one. At this hour in the morning, I do not think it is fair to make that proposal.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. If my hon. friend is not ready to proceed with this to-night I will not press the motion.

Mr. R. L. BORDEN. I do not see any particular reason why we should go over the same ground twice. At the same time, if objection is made by any hon. gentleman on this side of the House, it will be better to let the Bill stand for the present.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I withdraw the motion.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, House adjourned at 1.40 a.m., Thursday.