

ment I moved that it would be referred to on Thursday. Since that time the hon. member for Lincoln (Mr. Lancaster) has informed me that the cattle-guard question might possibly be taken up on Thursday. I have been paying a good deal of attention to that matter, and I want to be here when it comes up. I would willingly forego the chance of discussing my amendment rather than the chance of discussing the cattle-guard question, and I hope the minister will leave that question over to a later day.

The MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. I will endeavour to meet the hon. gentleman's views.

Progress reported.

The MINISTER OF FINANCE moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. SPROULE. What business will be taken up on Monday and in what order?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. On Monday, private Bills have precedence. If the Grand Trunk Pacific Bill comes on, private Bills may occupy the day; but if government Orders are reached, we will take up the Bill respecting the Canadian Northern Railway, and perhaps some other Bills on the list. If there be further time, the Minister of Railways and Canals will resume with the Railway Commission Bill.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 12 a.m. Saturday.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, June 29, 1903.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

### FIRST READING.

Bill (No. 214) for the relief of Florence D. Graves.—Mr. Scott.

### PRINTING OF PARLIAMENT.

Mr. PARMELEE moved that the fourth report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

### CRIMINAL CODE AMENDMENT.

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick) moved for leave to introduce a Bill (No. 215) to amend the Criminal Code, 1892. He said: This Bill contains

amendments which are exceedingly numerous and of some importance, but they are amendments to details of different sections of the Criminal Code; there is no general principle at stake. I would, therefore, ask the permission of the House to introduce the Bill, and when we reach the second reading, or are in committee, I will undertake to explain the amendments.

Mr. CLARKE. Does this Bill have any relation to a Bill proposed in the other House containing an amendment to the Criminal Code, introduced by Senator Lougheed?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE. I do not recollect the terms of his Bill, but I have not drawn my amendments with any reference whatever to the Bill referred to.

Mr. HENDERSON. Does this Bill contain an amendment dealing with cigarettes?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE. It has a clause that deals with the question of cigarettes.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the first time.

### COUNTY COURT JUDGES.

Mr. LENNOX. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I wish to direct the attention of the government to a despatch which appears in the 'Mail and Empire' of June 27:

Ottawa, June 26.—Mr. C. W. Coulter, K.C., of Cayuga, has been appointed county judge of Haldimand county in succession to the late Judge MacMillan. Mr. Coulter formerly represented Haldimand in the House of Commons.

We have discussed several times in the House the expediency of appointing judges in the county in which they are practising. I would ask the Minister of Justice if there is any intention of departing from this sound principle?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE. I propose to consider this matter in connection with certain alterations that are to be introduced to the Code in respect to county court judges. I will then express an opinion on the question.

### PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY FOR THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

Mr. BORDEN (Halifax). Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to move, with the consent of the right hon. gentleman, that the papers brought down relating to the granting of provincial autonomy in the North-west Territories be printed forthwith, and that rule 94 be suspended for that purpose.

Motion agreed to.