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DEBATE IN PARLIAMENT ON CLOSURE RESOLUTION WAS EXCEEDINGLY LIVELY

(Toronto Globe Report.)

Ottawa, March 3.—Amid tumultuous demonstrations from Liberal and Conservative members alike, the Government early today carried three divisions—on closure, the Bird motion of “the previous question,” and the main motion for adoption of the Address—and Parliament at 12.30 a. m. adjourned until March 15.
 Closure was carried on Mr. Lapointe's motion at 3.15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by a vote of 108 to 95, a majority of 13, the largest accorded the Government this session.
 The Bird motion was carried at midnight by a vote of 108 to 102, a majority of 6, and at 12.20 a. m. the main motion for the adoption of the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne went through Parliament by 111 to 102.
 Sang National Anthem.

After House Leader Lapointe had formally moved the forwarding of the Address, and the adjournment of the House till March 15, a cloud of torn paper broke over the Commons benches, tossed upward by jubilant members. The House rose to sing “God Save the King” in unison; the French Liberals followed with “O Canada” and three lusty cheers for Hon. Ernest Lapointe, who had led the Administration through the difficult early session.
 On the first division on the application of closure the Government had the support of every Independent, every Laborite, and every Progressive. Henri Bourassi, Agnes Macphail and Robert Forke were applauded by Liberals as they cast their votes behind the Government. It was a straight party vote, with half a dozen pairs and few absentees. On the second division on the Bird motion for the submission of the previous question, Henri Bourassi (Independent, Labelle), as he had previously heralded, threw his support against the motion, being paired with Alfred Speakman (Progressive, Red Deer).
 Two Progressives Out.

M. N. Campbell and W. T. Lucas, Western Progressives, did not vote in this division, remaining out of the House when the poll was made.
 On the third division for the carrying of the Address, Mr. Bourassi was back behind the Government and Messrs. Campbell and Lucas had resumed their seats to cast their ballots with those of supporters of the Administration. The three added votes of these members raised the total of the eyes to 111.
 Ovation for Lapointe.

Immediately the result of the afternoon division on the closure motion had been announced, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Government Leader, took the floor. The thunderous applause of Liberal members consumed nearly 2 minutes of the 20 minutes allotted him, and Speaker Lemieux took occasion to remind the House that the 20-min-

ute-speech rule was now operative.
 Reviewing the history of this sitting of Parliament, Mr. Lapointe recalled that Parliament was summoned for the precise purpose of determining which party should govern, and it was well understood that when this question was determined there should be a six weeks' adjournment of the House.
 During the extended discussions which have since taken place, he recalled, there had been repeated pleas from Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and others on Opposition benches not to extend debates unduly.

“In the course of the debate on the motion of my friend from Nelson” (Mr. Bird), he proceeded, “we have heard statements at various times that honorable gentlemen opposite will debate this Address and speak as long as necessary to prevent adjournment being granted. I say, sir, that this is frustrating the will of Parliament. It is treating with contempt the decision of the majority and the supremacy of the majority.
 “Honorable gentlemen opposite refer to us in terms of contempt as a remnant of a Government.”
 Conservative members—Hear, hear. Mr. Lapointe (proceeding)—They know those words; they have been repeated every day. But, sir, such as it is, this rump, this remnant, is beating the gentlemen opposite every time it has been given the opportunity. (Loud Liberal applause.) This has happened on eight different occasions, and on nine if I include the vote of the afternoon.
 Exhibiting Their Weakness.

“Apparently they don't seem to realize that when they belittle their opponents, who beat them at every corner and every opportunity, they exhibit their own weakness. They have lost their time, they have lost our time; and they have lost the time of the country.” (Conservative laughter.)
 “They cannot defeat the Government I challenge them to defeat us now. They cannot defeat us.”
 Conservative member—Wait until the election.
 Mr. Lapointe—Oh, yes, wait until the election. But we are in Parliament just now.
 Liberal member—Take your medicine.
 “A Bold, Brazen Statement.”
 Mr. Lapointe—This explains why we have been so tolerant, so patient, allowing the Opposition to wear itself out, to disappear of itself of its own fatality and meaninglessness. But, sir, the statement made by the Chief Whip of the Conservative party on Friday afternoon was a bold, brazen statement which we could not ignore. The majority of the members of this House must rule. (Liberal applause.) And the majority of the members of this House will rule. (Liberal cheers.) The will of the majority of Parliament has been asserted in two main and glaring instances. First, it is declared that the Government was justified in summoning Parliament and in carrying on the Administration; and, second, that this Parliament should adjourn for a certain period of time for the purposes which were submitted to the House.

Mr. Meighen sought to interpose a question, but Mr. Lapointe protested that he had only twenty minutes according to the rules “of which he is the father.”
 “The attitude of honorable gentlemen opposite,” Mr. Lapointe proceeded, “has been one of contempt for Parliamentary institutions, and they are having an unenviable responsibility. Such contempt spreads throughout the country and permeates the minds of many people.”
 A Lamentable Situation.
 Mr. Lapointe said he was sorry when he heard C. H. Cahan, K. C., Montreal Conservative, declare that the rules of the House would have to be changed to prevent him obstructing on certain matters. It was a remark, Mr. Lapointe said, not worthy of the high reputation of Mr. Cahan. It was a lamentable situation, the Government Leader added, when political leaders challenged the will of the majority, and tried to “smuggle through their own personal opinion.”

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen protested as inaccurate Mr. Lapointe's declaration that the Conservative Leader had given support to the suggestion of a revision of the rules of the House which would limit speeches to 40 minutes. But Mr. Lapointe declared he could read his words on that disputed occasion. But what was of thought of the tactics of Chief Whip Boys of the Conservative party, when he said: “We are prolonging this debate because there is no business be-

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fore the House. We will wait until the Prime Minister gets back, and if he has no business after one or two days we will vote and we will adjourn. We will cease obstruction for the very reason for which we are obstructing.”
 “The Chief Whip,” said Mr. Lapointe, “seemed uneasy when he read that carefully prepared statement which had been placed in his hand.”
 Mr. Lapointe declared that the Opposition had given way to spite and disappointment. Contrary to inferences thrown out by Conservative speakers, he went on, the Speech from the Throne was always given precedence.

Cannot Be Intimidated.
 “It is preposterous to suggest,” he said, “that the Address should be withdrawn for the purpose of considering legislation. And also before the Address is voted this House is not allowed to function.”
 “I repeat, the majority in this House are going to rule. We are not of those who can be intimidated or discouraged. The majority of the people of Canada, whether you call them Liberals, Progressives or Labor or Independents, have intimated that they don't want my right honorable friend (Mr. Meighen) to govern. At least we will see that their will is respected and that my right honorable friends does not reach the present goal of his objective.”
 “Honorable gentlemen have wasted nearly two months in futile, dull and uninteresting debate, prolific only in abuses and denunciations. Parliament is not in the hands of those whom my right honorable friend would like to have it with, but in the hands of those whom the people of Canada have elected. His argument is based on what should have been done; my argument is based on what has been done.”
 “Since the day of the general election the Conservative party has gone through three successive periods: First we witnessed an exhibition of premature enthusiasm which greatly decreased in intensity; second, we were subjected to bitter criticism, sometimes verging on insanity; and third, some of those gentlemen—I don't mean in this House—but some of the gentlemen of the Conservative party, have suffered from an epidemic of political hysteria.

Dares Plutocratic Methods.
 “We are not going to let anybody shove us out, or abuse us out, or bluff us out by meaningless and tiresome speeches. We are going to carry on this Administration and we shall do it in the interests of all the people of Canada, and not only of some private business. Many forces are arraying themselves against us and securing spectacular publicity. They are active in our own Province. But we are there blocking the way, and we dare plutocratic methods.”
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