

occasion of the untimely death of His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale,

And respectfully to convey their sincere and deep sympathy to Their Royal Highnesses in the sad affliction which has fallen upon them in the loss of a young Prince, the Heir of their illustrious House, at the commencement of a career which appeared to be fraught with the most brilliant prospects of happiness and distinction.

We beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request that you will be pleased to transmit the said message to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales in such a way as Your Excellency may see fit.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT moved that the said Address be engrossed, and that His Honour the Speaker do sign the same on behalf of the Senate.

The motion was agreed to.

AN ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE (in the absence of the Hon. Mr. Ogilvie) moved that when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Wednesday, the 16th inst., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He said: I have spoken to some members on the subject of this motion, and they seem to me to be prepared to decide the question to-day, and as I believe it would be more advantageous, in the case of the adjournment, to know whether it is to take place to-day or to-morrow, I move the resolution without giving any reasons, because they are the same reasons that are given every year. It is well known that at the beginning of the session there is very little work to be done, except the reading of the blue books, which can be done as well at home as here.

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT—I do not like altogether the day to which this adjournment is proposed. It may be taken for granted now, I suppose—it has been so long the practice—that at the commencement of the session, after having completed the nomination of our committees, we may, without disadvantage to the public business, adjourn for a few days until Bills come up to us from the other House, but I would suggest that Wednesday is too late in the week, and that the motion should be modified to make the adjournment to Tuesday, the 15th inst. If that change is made I am ready to concur in the motion.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—I am very glad that the leader of the House has taken this course and expressed an opinion as to whether we should have an adjournment or not. When that is done I never make an objection, but I would suggest that it would be advisable not to adjourn to-day but to adjourn to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—There is nothing on the paper.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—We have the organization of the committees, and I think it would be better to have the adjournment from to-morrow. Otherwise we will have a difficulty in organizing the committees.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—If the desire is to postpone the adjournment until to-morrow in order that the committees may meet, I do not see that there is any reason why we should meet to-morrow, because the committees of this House can meet during an adjournment, which is not the case with the committees of the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. KAULBACH—I was aware of that fact; but at the same time I am afraid that the committees will not be organized if we adjourn to-day.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY—I am not by any means prepared to fall in with the suggestion made by the hon. gentleman from Richmond, for the very good reason that we cannot organize to-morrow unless the House is in session. The 92nd rule provides that the organization of a committee shall take place on the next sitting day of the House. I think there would be great convenience in adopting the suggestion of the hon. gentleman from Lunenburg. The hon. Premier has cut off one day from the end of the adjournment, and I propose to cut off another day at the beginning of the adjournment. I think it would be more convenient to sit to-morrow and then to adjourn until the 16th. The position then would be just this: the committees will meet to-morrow and organize, and the several reports will be made as to the quorums, and if there is any other business it can be done to-morrow. I therefore move in amendment that when this House adjourns to-morrow it do stand adjourned until the 16th instant at 8 p.m.

Hon. Mr. ABBOTT—There is a little diffi-