

Some hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh. Order.

Mr. SOMERVILLE. I know I am saying something which is very unpalatable to some hon. gentlemen, but it is the simple truth, and I think I am here for the purpose of stating the truth.

Mr. MACKINTOSH. I did not desire to say anything personal to the hon. member for Digby (Mr. Vail), but he interrupted me while I was speaking.

Mr. VAIL. No, I think not.

Mr. MACKINTOSH. I understood him to interrupt me while I was speaking, and I then called attention to the fact that the Halifax Printing Company, the firm of the *Halifax Citizen*, had received \$25,000 from the Government of which he was a supporter; and when Mr. Jones, of Halifax, was a member of the company, and the hon. member for Digby himself had been a member of it; and I showed that he had to resign his seat in consequence of that, and was defeated when he went back to his constituents. So far as the hon. member for North Brant (Mr. Somerville) is concerned, what he says about the *Ottawa Citizen* does not matter materially to me; but I think he is wrong in what he says about the tax-collector. I do not know where he gets his information, but even if it were true, the fact that a newspaper is in *extremis* is not absolute proof that it is receiving any favors from the Government. The *Citizen* has received few favors from the Government; it is fighting its own way, and thus the argument of the hon. gentleman that it is a subsidised organ falls to the ground. It makes absolutely no difference what the hon. gentleman says of myself. Gentlemen far superior to himself, men more profound, at least as profound as he is; men more able, at least as able as he is; men more astute, at least as astute as he is; men more honest, at least as honest as he is, have attacked me over and over again, and what is the result?

Mr. SPEAKER. I think this has gone far enough.

Mr. MACKINTOSH. I have said all I wanted to say and regret I was called upon to say anything.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Mr. Speaker—

Mr. SPEAKER. This is a personal matter, and I think it has already gone too far. Orders of the Day.

THE OFFICIAL REPORTS OF THE DEBATES.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. A very great latitude, an undue latitude, in my opinion, was granted to the hon. member for Ottawa (Mr. Mackintosh) in the first place. He threw across the House taunts like "contract broker," to my hon. friend from Digby, without the faintest justification. However, Sir, I rose for the purpose of calling attention to a matter more pertinent, perhaps, to the hon. member for Cardwell (Mr. White) who, if I mistake not, is Chairman of the *Hansard* Committee. Now, I notice that in the report of the 8th July, when a considerable discussion took place on the adjournment, scarcely one word of it appears. It appears to me there ought to be some regulation about this matter. Occasionally, on the motion for adjournment, statements are made of some moment. Statements were made on that occasion of some moment by my hon. friend from Marquette (Mr. Watson) and others, and I do not understand why the *Hansard* reporters should condense, to one line, a discussion which, to my knowledge, took some 20 or 25 minutes. I do not desire this *Hansard*, which is already unduly long, should be spun out unnecessarily, but still there ought to be some means to members of this House, who take part in the discussions, of knowing whether what they say is going to be reported. On all other occasions, at any rate, a summary of what passed has been given, and it is very often necessary that it should be. Here the

whole thing has been expunged, and I do not think it should have been expunged under the circumstances.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). I do not know whether the hon. gentleman, in referring to me as the Chairman of the *Hansard* Committee, implies that I had anything to do with this omission—

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. No, no; I called attention to it.

Mr. WHITE (Cardwell). I have nothing to say except that the instruction to the reporters is to report everything verbatim, and if they do not do it they ought to. I confess I have not looked at it; I do not supervise the report in any way, and should be very sorry to have to do so.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I do not impute any blame to the hon. member on this occasion, but I only called his attention, as Chairman of the Committee, to the fact that a considerable omission was made.

Mr. WHITE (Hastings). If we had no *Hansard* we would have shorter speeches and a shorter Session; and I think it would be more acceptable to members of this House if the *Hansard* were abolished altogether.

THE WASHINGTON TREATY.

Mr. WELDON. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to ask the Government when the correspondence and telegrams with regard to the fisheries will be brought down.

Mr. BOWELL. I think I will be able to lay all the telegrams, with the exception of one letter, on the Table at six o'clock. I had them to-day, but when I came to look at them I found one important telegram had been omitted from the list, and I sent them back to the Deputy Minister's office to be completed.

Mr. BLAKE. Will the hon. gentleman be able to lay upon the Table the papers connected with the transport regulation, that order abolishing the liberty of transport in United States ports, under the 30th article?

Mr. BOWELL. I have not yet received it. Immediately upon seeing the notice in the newspapers, I instructed the Commissioner of Customs to telegraph at once for a correct copy, as I did not deem it advisable to act upon a newspaper copy; and I have since received a copy of it from one of the forwarders in the West, Mr. Beatty of the Beatty line. I am not prepared to lay that upon the Table until I can investigate the effects that it will have upon some of the old orders.

Mr. BLAKE. I was about to invite the hon. gentleman's attention to that also. I suppose he has an authentic copy of the regulation which is cancelled by this. We have seen it in the papers—I have no doubt correctly—but of course we would like to have an official copy. That regulation appears to be a regulation of 1884, but it is, in fact, a consolidation of the Customs regulations of the United States passed about the time of the confirmation of the Washington treaty. It would be very important to have it. Without it, it is impossible for the House to understand the effect of the order; with it, it is very easy to understand it. I think it has a much more serious effect than the First Minister assumed when he spoke the other day.

Mr. BOWELL. The point to which the hon. gentleman has called my attention suggested itself to me, and immediately upon reading the last circular and comparing it with the provisions of the Washington Treaty, I instructed a clerk of the Department first to go to the law office of the Crown—for, unfortunately, it was not to be found in our Department—and then to consult the library, and to take every means possible to obtain the order to which the hon. gen-