

gured immediately upon the opening of the session. We met to-day and made a number of changes. It is true we had a number of divisions in the committee, but I think the result was acceptable to the committee unanimously after the divisions took place. I know, for my own part, I was in the minority in one case, but I cheerfully concurred in the views of the majority. Therefore, it may be said there was really a unanimous feeling on the part of the committee with regard to the finding of the report—at least, I do not know anything to the contrary. It is desirable, if we are going to have an adjournment, that it should be settled, and not left in abeyance during the long adjournment. These messengers should be in a position to discharge their duties when the House meets. Of course, it must be understood that if any member of the Senate wishes to have the matter postponed he is entitled to have its consideration deferred, but I think the circumstances would warrant the immediate adoption of the report.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—The report before the House was thoroughly considered and discussed to-day. Every question was dealt with in the most impartial and deliberate manner. Our domestic arrangements should be completed and made permanent now. The committee refrained from discussing money matters, because some of the members were not prepared to deal with that subject, and preferred to have it postponed until a future occasion. It seems to me, therefore, that there is every reason to have the report adopted at once.

The motion was agreed to.

AN ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION.

HON. MR. ABBOTT moved, that when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Friday, the 8th instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

HON. MR. DEVER moved in amendment, that the adjournment be until the 20th instant, at 8:30 in the evening. He said: I intended this as a distinct motion when I proposed it. I should like very

much if the adjournment were even longer. I have consulted many members on both sides, and I find that a longer adjournment will not be too much, and that no public business will suffer by an adjournment of three weeks. I have reason to believe that many members in this House would find an adjournment of two or three weeks of great service.

HON. MR. O'DONOHUE—In giving notice yesterday of the motion which appears on the Paper, I was quite satisfied that it might be, perhaps, too short in point of time, but considering that the other motions had only been put on the Paper the day before, I could give notice of mine no earlier, and I felt that the rule might be relaxed, with the consent of the House, and the notice be held to be good. I do not believe that the notice was exactly right, according to our rules; but I now move, as an amendment to the amendment, that the words "Wednesday, the 20th instant," be struck out, and "Thursday, the 26th instant," substituted therefor.

HON. MR. MCINNES (B.C.)—I should like to have the ruling of the Speaker upon this last amendment. I made a suggestion in the same direction a few days ago, and was given to understand, by the hon. gentleman from Richmond, that it was not in accordance with the rules of the House—that while an amendment to diminish the time could be moved without notice, an amendment extending the time required more than one day's notice. I am not opposing the motion of the hon. member from Toronto, but I want to know whether it is strictly in order or not. I merely seek for information on the subject.

HON. MR. MILLER—I regard motions of this character as substantive motions altogether; they are hardly amendments, strictly speaking, to each other, and as the two first motions appeared on the Paper I think they should be voted on in their order. I do not think an amendment can be moved without notice extending the time—there can be no question at all about that. The question before the House is this: A number of members do not want to adjourn at all. Of course, an adjournment over the holiday, moved by the leader of the House, is necessary, because we do not sit on those statutory