

give time for further consideration, and when the papers or dispatches which my motion calls for are in the hands of hon. gentlemen I have no doubt that more interest will be taken in the subject and its importance appreciated.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I quite approve of the course the hon. gentleman has taken this session on this subject. It is in the right direction, and when the papers he asks for come down no doubt we will be able to discuss this question more intelligently, and if a Bill is introduced we will then be in a better position to legislate on this subject. The hon. gentleman says that last session very little interest was taken in the matter. I believe that the hon. gentleman from Burlington exhibited a great deal of interest in the matter, but the information he brought to this House was not considered sufficient to justify us in passing the Bill which he then introduced. No doubt, when the papers come down the House or the Government may deem it necessary to legislate on the subject. I believe there has been a large amount of information obtained by the Government in relation to it. I understand that the Meteorological Survey has made a report, and I believe the Imperial Parliament has also circulated through the colony information approving of standard time in all the colonies. When these papers come before us we will then be in a position to discuss the matter more intelligently, and I am rather of the opinion that a Bill should be passed in accordance with the suggestion of my hon. friend.

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 29th instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

He said: To-morrow will be a *fête d'obligation*, and this formality is required, I believe, in order to adjourn over.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I do not feel disposed to oppose the motion of my hon. friend, or to take advantage of the want of sufficient notice being given, and as I find

that the other branch of the Legislature has thought proper to pay respect to the feelings of a section of the House by adjourning over to morrow, I shall not urge my objection. It is unfortunate, however, that we are placed in this position. My hon. friend from Toronto might as well have moved an adjournment till next Monday.

HON. MR. O'DONOHUE—I desire that my hon. friend should make his own motion. The hon. gentleman is hardly consistent in allowing the motion of the hon. Minister is not a good one, and then suggesting that I should move an amendment to extend it.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—It seems to me that this Dominion Parliament should

not be influenced by the *fête* days of Quebec, because it seems that this *fête* day is only obligatory in the Province of Quebec. No doubt due deference should be had to certain religious prejudices in Canada, and we bow respectfully to what our friends desire; at the same time, I think it is granting a great deal that Parliament should allow the whole Dominion to be influenced here by that which seems to belong only to the Province of Quebec.

HON. MR. O'DONOHUE—My hon. friend is again astray. The House is not influenced in this motion by the Province of Quebec alone. One-half of the population of this Dominion hold to-morrow as a strict holiday, and besides that, it is made a holiday by statute, so that my hon. friend is just as much astray in this as he usually is on such points.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—Then I ask my hon. friend if it is a legal holiday by statute, to be recognized by the Parliament of Canada, why has the leader of the House introduced this motion? If it is a holiday by a statute of Canada, then there is no necessity for the motion; therefore, my hon. friend must know that he is wrong—that it is not such a holiday as we recognize as the Lord's Day, and we do not hold it here as obligatory upon us, except by the action of Parliament.

The motion was agreed to.