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House, the consequence would be that Parliament would have to pay his expenses; and if he should show that honestly and *bona fide* he had consulted legal authority and acted on such advice, the House would not punish him. However, he agreed, the motion having been carried, the returning officer should be brought down here in order to explain the circumstances. The one is a necessary corollary of the other.

The motion was then carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD announced that on Wednesday evening Her Excellency Lady Dufferin would hold a Drawing-room at 9 o'clock; the House would therefore adjourn at 6 o'clock that day. He then moved the adjournment of the House.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE asked if the hon. gentlemen would not go on with the debate on the Address, as the hour was yet early.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD remarked that owing to the other debate they had not intended to take up the Address today.

Hon. Mr. BLAKE: You expected it to be a long debate.

Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD: Yes, we did expect it to be. (*Laughter from the Opposition benches.*)

The House then adjourned at 5 o'clock.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon. Mr. McDONALD (Antigonish)—On Thursday next—A Committee of the Whole to consider the following resolution:—That it is expedient to empower the Government of Canada to transfer to a Company or Companies, or to the Government of Nova Scotia, the title to the Government Railways in Nova Scotia, extending from Truro to Pictou, and from Windsor Junction to Windsor, on condition that such Company or Companies, or the Government of Nova Scotia, will guarantee the extension of the railroads eastwardly and westwardly to such points and under such conditions as may be agreed upon.

Mr. MERCIER—On Thursday next—A Bill to amend the Act 34 Vic., Cap. 43, intituled “An Act to enable certain Railway Companies to provide the necessary accommodation for the increasing traffic over their railways”, and to amend the Railway Act of 1863.

Mr. OLIVER—On Wednesday next—That an order of this House do issue for a return of the number of all the petitions and all the petitioner up to this date from the various Provinces of the Dominion for and against the repeal of the Insolvency Act of 1864; and also all the petitions and petitioners praying that the Act may be amended.

Mr. OLIVER—On Wednesday next—An address to His Excellency the Governor General for a copy of the last tariff of tolls sanctioned by the Governor in Council with respect to the transportation of freight and passengers and the Great Western and Grand Trunk Railways.