were anathema maranatha. If we suspend the whole Act, who then could deal with licenses for the sale of liquor on board steamers and other vessels? If we suspend the Act who could deal with wholesale licenses? It is necessary that wholesale licenses should be issued, and without this provision in the Act, of which the hon. gentleman complains, restricting the operation of the License Act to those parts declared to be *ultra vires*, there would be no authority to deal with wholesale licenses, and they could not be obtained in any part of the Dominion. That, the hon. gentleman does not want, but if we do not adopt this measure no licenses could be issued on steamers, and no wholesale licenses could be issued throughout the Dominion.

HON. MR. SCOTT—You had the authority before.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—We had not the authority before, and the Supreme Court have declared that we have it under this Act. That is their decision, and one is bound by the law. The Supreme Court has decided that the administration, as regards these two subjects of wholesale licenses and licenses to vend liquor on board steamers, must be governed by legislation passed by this Parliament.

HON. MR. SCOTT—Nobody doubted it.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—The hon. gentleman said we should suspend the whole Act. If we did that we would suspend the power to deal with those two things, and if we did so there would be no power in the Dominion to deal with those two things. We would be all at sea again. Therefore, I ask is it not the true logical and legal way to suspend the Act only in so far as the court decided it was illegal, and maintain the Act so far as the court declared it was legal. The language is as plain as possible. It was only the hon. gentleman's ardor for the temperance cause and his unwillingness to sanction anything and everything which did not meet his peculiar views, that led him to object to the Bill.

HON. MR. VIDAL—Had the Bill which was before us yesterday passed into law there would be no necessity for me to refer to a point to which I now wish to invite the Minister's attention. The 145th section of the License Act of 1883 is one of the sections pronounced by the Supreme Court to be *intra vires* and will therefore remain in force. By the decision of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick that 145th section repeals all the sections of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, relating to procedure against, and the convicting and punishing offenders. We will then be in this anomalous position, presuming the Supreme Court of New Brunswick is correct in its judgment, that there will be the keeping in force of a part of the law which requires action to be taken under another part of the law which is to be suspended. What entire and utter confusion this will make! The necessity for meeting this difficulty was recognized at an early period in the session in the other House and a short Bill was introduced for the special purpose of meeting it by simply repealing the 145th section of the License Act. When the Bill amending the Temperance Act was adopted by that House one of its clauses repealed this 145th section, and therefore the hon. gentleman who had charge of this short Bill allowed it to drop because the other measure accomplished what he had in view. I think it is probable that the Bill amending the Canada Temperance Act will fall to the ground. We have no more reason to suppose that the House of Commons will recede from their amendments any more than that the Senate will recede from theirs, so it is likely that the Bill will not be passed. In view of that, I would respectfully ask the Minister of Justice whether it would not be desirable to recognize this difficulty, and when the House is in committee either to repeal that section or to make some other provision to avoid the anomaly of declaring that clause in force, when it depends on a suspended portion of the Bill for its operation. I venture respectfully to call attention to it, and I trust that some way will be found to meet the difficulty.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I think my hon. friend is premature in anticipating