

the Senate may keep on sitting after the House of Representatives has ceased to sit, but that is not the practice here. His honour the Speaker seems to think that the Commons can go home and we can sit on, but that has not been the practice.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—It is something unusual for the Speaker to descend from the Chair to read the Senate a lecture as to what they should or should not do. The hon. gentleman says, among other things, that we could have objected to want of notice. I thought that myself, but it struck me if I had objected to the motion he made, it would have been considered discourteous on my part to the right hon. leader of the House, and for that reason I did not do it. We all knew what our privileges were before the Speaker read us that lecture. I quite agree with him in this respect. Our duty would have been in the case of these contentious Bills, which are not of such vital importance as to necessitate immediate action without knowing what we were doing, to object to them and ask to have them put over, as the right hon. leader of the House very courteously offered to do. From the explanation he gave of the Bill, it struck me as an improvement, but I can understand, with the hon. gentleman from Middlesex, that there may be important differences between the law as it stands to-day and this Bill, and consequently, he and others would like to have an opportunity to compare the two and see what the differences really are. The suggestion has been made by the right hon. leader of the House to let the Bill stand, and it might as well stand.

Hon. Mr. JAFFRAY—I quite agree with what the hon. gentlemen from Middlesex and York have said, but I should regret very much if this Bill were the one to be held over. We all know that it is a very important and a very necessary measure. We have had an immense amount of our forests destroyed by fire, and this is just the beginning of the season when forest fires occur. If any misfortune should happen, it would reflect very decidedly on us. I do not think the practice of holding back Bills in the other House, and then asking us to pass them in a hurry can be too

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strongly condemned, but we must be judicious as to the Bills upon which we mark our disapproval. I am sure that the right hon. leader of the House will do everything in his power to have proper representations made after what has occurred to-day—

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I may say that I have done so.

Hon. Sir GEORGE W. ROSS (Middlesex)—If the right hon. leader of the House considers this an urgent Bill, I withdraw my objection. I would not be disposed to block the Bill even if I felt able to do so, but I must repeat, even in a stronger way than I have, that we should remain over to discuss Bills which we have not yet seen and cannot see to-day. Take the treaty with Japan, a very important Bill. We had almost an international trouble with Japan over the treaty of 1904. I do not know how far this Bill gets over that difficulty. I accept it, as I am always disposed to accept a measure coming from the government, having confidence in them, but I cannot be a cypher altogether. I remained over to-day in order to see these Bills. I hope the right hon. leader of the House will spare us this suffering and annoyance hereafter as long as he is leading the Senate.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—As far as I can I shall endeavour to see that this does not occur again. Of course, hon. gentlemen will understand that this particular year we have been rather between, I was going to say the devil and the deep sea, but that might be construed into high treason, inasmuch as I cannot compare the coronation of the Sovereign to either of these dangers or personages. Under ordinary circumstances, I would have insisted upon my colleagues not hurrying the Senate, but hon. gentlemen are aware that the session has been unusually prolonged, and that under the peculiar conditions that prevail we have been in a manner forced to bring it to a close that we might resume at some reasonable time with the important measure now under discussion, I shall take care that the remarks which have been made are duly conveyed