

Richard Cartwright when he said, "Here, Jack." Mr. Fraser objected. He might have been out of order had he said, "Here, Dick."

Mr. Choquette (speaking in French) said it was irregular for them to be sitting with a chairman who did not understand both French and English. "Does the chairman understand me?" asked Mr. Choquette. "I do not. I don't understand French, but I am properly in the chair as the substitute for Mr. Bergeron," was Mr. Mills' reply.

The session, having closed at 12 p.m. on Saturday evening, was resumed on Monday afternoon, and, in spite of protests, was continued night and day as before. Soon after midnight on Wednesday, however, and just as clause 15 had been read, Sir Charles Tupper announced the withdrawal of the Bill, though he very foolishly hinted at the resumption of its discussion after the necessary supplies had been voted. Mr. Greenway had been a spectator of the proceedings for a few hours, and said, in answer to a query, "Well, a man does not become surprised at a dead-sure thing!" It was, indeed, a ridiculous proceeding to begin a continuous night-and-day sitting after the week's experience.

The supplies begged for in an almost abject manner by the Government showed how vitally important it is that extreme vigilance should be exercised by the Opposition. It is disgraceful that attempts should be made to pass such votes as that for the Soulanges Canal.

The Opposition have succeeded in sending the Government to the country without the control of large sums of public money to be used for election purposes, but doubtless, as in times past, ample donations will be forthcoming from expectant beneficiaries, and the scheme set out in Mr. Foster's demand for supply can only be looked upon as a means of wholesale corruption through the promises of large expenditures of public money for local purposes.

As was anticipated, as soon as Parliament was dissolved, Premier Sir Mackenzie Bowell said Good-by to his unruly companions, and the duty of re-modelling the Cabinet and carrying the elections was handed to Sir Charles Tupper. The change was no doubt agreeable to both men. It seems strange to recall the statement of the latter, that his return from England had nothing to do with politics; it was only to discuss the fast mail steamship line. The appointment of Sir Donald Smith to the High Commissionership should be a satisfactory one.

*Star, Montreal:* No parliament has had so much "fun," politically, since Confederation, as this. From the day that Mr. Tarte made his famous charges five years ago until Parliament died last night in the midst of an acrid discussion over the Shortis case, with Mr. Davies on the floor, and the Black Rod waiting to do his unparalleled series of diamond-framed bows, this Parliament has had the worth of its money in political excitement. Whether the country has had the worth of its money is another question. If Parliament were intended primarily to be a house of entertainment, there would be some chance for an affirmative answer, but it draws salary as a business meeting.