

THE SPEAKER—I hope that this, matter will be arranged without any further feeling. I suppose that Parliament can sit every day if it pleases, Sunday included. There are however, certain days which are considered as public holidays or *fêtes d'obligation*. I believe that to-morrow is one of these. The hon. gentleman in making his first motion had forgotten this and then got up and moved the motion now before the House, that when the House adjourns it stands adjourned until Wednesday next. If the hon. gentleman insists on his objection that the motion cannot be made without notice, of course it is fatal.

HON. MR. POWER—It is to be hoped that the hon. gentleman from Richmond will not insist on his objection, for we shall be in a worse position to-morrow than we are in to-day. There is nothing at all on the Orders of the Day for to-morrow, and nothing can come before the House. The House of Commons is not now sitting, and we have the only Bills that are in a position to come before us from the House of Commons; consequently, if the hon. gentleman from Richmond insists upon his objection we shall have nothing at all to do to-morrow but come here and say our prayers; and I may say, as one member of the House that I do not get a great deal of spiritual advantage from that exercise.

HON. MR. VIDAL—The objection is a fatal one if the hon. gentleman insists upon it, but I do not think that he will stand alone in this matter, and say that his will is to prevail against the will of the whole House.

HON. MR. MILLER—If other hon. gentlemen get as little advantage from the prayers as the hon. gentleman from Halifax does, and there is to be no other business before us, I shall not press my objection.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, March 26th, 1889.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

ELBOW RIVER WATER POWER CO.'S BILL.

REJECTED.

HON. MR. DICKEY, from the Committee on Railways, Telegraphs and Harbors, reported Bill (76) "An Act to incorporate the Elbow River Water Power Company," recommending that the Bill be not passed, as it would be contrary to the public interests. He said: As the rule requires that reasons should be given for postponing a Bill, I may briefly explain why we make this recommendation. This corporation asks for power to appropriate the Elbow River for the purpose of speculating. This river, as it happens, passes through the southern margin of the city of Calgary. Looking to the future of that city, which occupies perhaps the most commanding position in the North-West, and looking to the vital importance of its water supply, the committee considered, with very little difference of opinion, that it would be most unwise to allow that water privilege to be taken away, and to grant the power of diverting it entirely from its present course to another termination in the Bow River, and they, therefore, recommend that it is against the interests of the city of Calgary, represented before the committee by the Mayor and Corporation, and, therefore, against the public interest. I apprehend that the House will have no difficulty in agreeing with the committee that such a Bill should not receive the sanction of this House. I therefore move that the report be adopted.

The motion was agreed to.

A PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION.

HON. MR. PERLEY moved: That when the House adjourns on Thursday, the 27th instant, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, the 15th day of April, at half-past eight o'clock in the evening. He said: It is understood that there is very little legislation before the Senate now, and the practice has been that the Senate adjourns over Easter week. It is thought desirable to make the adjournment, this time, a little longer, to enable hon. gentlemen who live at a distance to visit their homes. Members from the North-West and from the Maritime Provinces cannot take advantage of those adjournments; if the pro-