

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—There is a great deal of force in what the hon. gentleman says, and it arises from inadvertence. I suppose I am responsible for it. I had not given the matter much thought. However, it is very easily remedied. Mr. Dandurand is on the committee, and my hon. friend Sir Alphonse Pelletier can take my place.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—I do not ask the hon. minister to withdraw, I only ask that justice be done to our province.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—That is a simple way of solving the objection. There is already a member of the government on, and I therefore suggest that Senator Pelletier take my place.

The changes were made and the motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned.

THE SENATE.

Wednesday, March 18, 1903.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

RESIGNATION OF HARRY HARRISON.

INQUIRY.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY rose to—

Ask the government, if Harry Harrison, fish warden of Sunbury and border counties, in New Brunswick, had to resign his position as such officer of the federal government, prior to his being a candidate for a seat in the local legislature for the county of Sunbury in the recent election held in that county?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—It is not necessary to consider whether he had to resign or not. He did resign, as a matter of fact, on the 16th February last, his position, inspector of fisheries in New Brunswick. He sent in his resignation to the department.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I do not think that is an answer to the inquiry. The question is if he had to resign. The hon. minister says he did resign.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—That is a legal question which I could not answer. The hon. gentleman wanted to know whether he was still an officer or whether he had resigned,

He has resigned. It would be rather a constitutional question, whether he had to resign. He was elected to the local legislature, and the question whether he had to resign is a matter for the courts.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I do not understand the hon. gentleman's question to bear the interpretation the Secretary of State has placed upon it. I do not know what my hon. friend wants to know, but the interpretation that I put upon the question is that it asks whether he was requested by the government, or the head of the department, to resign before he contested the elections. The question is, had he to resign? That I understand to mean, did the government or any minister request him to resign? I think that is what the hon. gentleman wants to know.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—Yes.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I am unable to say. I assumed the question was as to whether he had resigned.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—Will the hon. gentleman make inquiries?

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I will.

The inquiry was allowed to stand.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Before the House adjourns I should like to ask the Secretary of State whether it is his intention to give us any explanation of the ministerial changes which have taken place since we last met. We know there have been changes and it is usual when parliament meets that they should be explained in both houses. I would ask my hon. friend if he is prepared to give us an explanation now.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I will do so to-morrow at the opening of the House.

AN ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG gave notice of motion that when the House adjourns on Friday the 20th inst., it do stand adjourned until Wednesday, the 15th of April.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—That seems a long adjournment. If there is any probability of the government presenting any of their measures in the Senate will it not