

public money, I cannot say; but of one thing I am certain, that the members of the Cabinet aforesaid might, to quote Lord Dufferin, "On their honour as gentlemen, on their fealty as sworn advisers of the Crown" have assured His Excellency that from their own knowledge they were aware that Mr. McGreevy and Mr. Connolly were very sick from being in prison, and very angry too. I did not hear my hon. friend from Ottawa (Sir James Grant), make special allusion to it, but I have noticed in the press many congratulations, and I have no doubt very proper congratulations, on the recognition which has been extended by Her Most Gracious Majesty to the Minister of Justice. The hon. gentleman will permit me to offer my congratulations on the still better merited recognition which was extended to him recently by His Excellency in this matter of McGreevy and Connolly. He will also permit me to make a slight retraction. It is true, when starting out with my remarks, I declared that the meeting of the House had been delayed in order that the hon. gentleman might look to Washington to see what the United States authorities were doing. There is no doubt, Sir, that that was a reason and a powerful one, but, Sir, I believe that after all that that reason was a secondary one. The true reason is the last one. This Cabinet so strong in the people's love, this Cabinet so feared abroad and honoured at home, this Cabinet with so ample a majority, this combination of all the virtues and all the talents, these illustrious statesmen so confident in the consciousness of their own inner purity,—dared not meet Parliament, dared not meet their own supporters, but preferred to paralyze the business of this country, preferred to subject themselves and the whole House to the greatest possible inconvenience until such time as they had been able to make their peace with Messrs. McGreevy and Connolly.

Mr. MACDONALD (Huron) moved the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved the adjournment of the House.

Motion agreed to, and the House adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, 19th March, 1894.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON moved :

That Notices of Motion be postponed until after the consideration of the Order of the Day for

resuming the adjourned debate on the motion for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General in answer to his Speech at the opening of the session.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT—EASTER.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. Hon. members are continually inquiring at what time the adjournment for the Easter recess would be proposed, and it might therefore be convenient that we should come to an understanding about it to-day. My proposition is that when the House adjourns on Wednesday next it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, the 27th March, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and if there is no objection I will now make a motion to that effect.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. Then I presume that the hon. Minister of Finance hardly contemplates delivering his Budget statement on Wednesday, as announced?

Mr. FOSTER. That scarcely follows.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I want to know before consenting to this motion.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. It is impossible to say how long the debate on the Address will continue.

Mr. LAURIER. At all events, it will never do to have the Budget speech on a day that is a private members' day.

Sir JOHN THOMPSON. I do not quite see that. Of course, members' business will have precedence.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. If private members' business have precedence, as usual, there is not much question as to the Budget being reached. I would ask the hon. Minister of Finance, or the Controller of Customs—I do not know which has the matter in charge—whether it would be convenient to have distributed to the members of the House a certain official document showing the rates on goods imported from England, and the rates on goods imported from the United States, which I understand has been prepared, and which would be of great interest and value in the approaching discussion.

Mr. FOSTER. I do not know to what document my hon. friend alludes. I suppose he has not by him a copy of it which he could give one.

Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT. I had one, but I haven't it here.

Mr. FOSTER. If there are any documents which are necessary for the understanding of the tariff question when the Budget comes before the House, we shall be very pleased to bring them down.

Mr. LAURIER. I would be loth to believe that the Government had such a document prepared, if it were not necessary. If it is necessary for the Government, I think it is necessary for the members generally.