

would agree with him as to the extreme inconvenience, and, he should add also, the unparliamentary character of the proceedings of the honorable gentleman in discussing a matter which was before the House last session, and which was not before the House now. Because, if the Senate should continue to act on this principle, there would be no end to their debates. Even the end of the session would be no termination to the discussions and the circumstances connected with those discussions. With regard to the present matter he was very glad to hear his honorable friend say that he had no desire to serve upon the Committee. It would be strange indeed if he had when he was already appointed to three committees for the present Session. As far as he (Mr. Dickey) was aware, no other gentleman had been appointed to a greater number than three committees, and very few to even that number. For his own part, he was a member of only two committees. But there was another matter which suggested itself to his mind. The honorable gentleman had expressed very strong opinions the other day as to the character of the reporting. He (Mr. Dickey) only wished to say that on a former occasion he had stated his disapproval, not of the manner in which the duty was done but of the system itself. After the House in its wisdom had decided to continue that system, he quietly asked to be removed from the Committee, because he did not think his services would be of any use upon it; and the hon. Senator from Woodstock (Mr. Alexander), actuated by the same considerations no doubt, after the strong expressions he had given utterance to on a former occasion, would not like to be an element of disturbance on that Committee. So he did not see the slightest necessity for any postponement of the consideration of this motion to-day. For his own part, he had not found fault with the Committee last session, although they had differed from him as to the system which should be pursued. The hon. Senator from Woodstock had adverted to the possibility of questions relating to this House coming before the country at the next election. He (Mr. Dickey) could only say, in all frankness and in all good feeling, that it appeared to him, the best

way to elevate the character of the Senate and to make it what it ought to be—the reflection of the matured intelligence and public opinion of the country—would be for hon. members to be very careful how they conducted themselves in this Chamber; and at the same time not to introduce unnecessarily any disturbing element into their discussions. Every member had an interest in promoting good feeling, and he trusted he had not said a word which could be construed into a disturbance of that good feeling. The hon. member had stated frankly that he did not wish to be a member of the Committee, and as there had been no suggestion of any other name, he saw no reason why the Committee proposed should not be appointed.

HON. MR. AIKINS said he was under the impression when the hon. member from Woodstock (Mr. Alexander), rose that he was about to object to the manner in which the Committee was constituted. Unfortunately the hon. gentleman had a grievance with regard to the reporting of the Debates of the Senate. He presumed that every hon. gentleman, when he said anything that he considered important, would like to have a report of it go to the country. Every member of the House would be gratified if a better system of publication could be devised than the one which had been in existence in the past. After the appointment of this Committee, if they should report to the House a scheme for publishing the reports, the hon. gentleman might make a speech such as he had delivered to-day, but it was very much out of place on a motion for the appointment of the Committee, when he did not take exception to any of the hon. gentlemen who had been named to serve upon it.

HON. MR. BOTSFORD suggested that as the appointment of this Committee involved the expenditure of money, a member of the Government should be added to it.

HON. MR. DICKEY said the report of the Committee could only have effect after the decision of the House.

HON. MR. AIKINS said that inasmuch as anything the Committee could do or