

took the first opportunity of ascertaining whether that statement was correct or not, and it is probable that an occasion will occur during the Session to furnish proof that the statement which I have made to the House to-day is true. But I go further and say the members of the other House have no right, even if they desired to do so, to force the Government to perpetrate an injustice, or to act in an unconstitutional manner. I hope that another twelve months will not be allowed to pass without something being done in the direction I have indicated, and if the Government should fail to do justice to so respectable a portion of the community, that the people will themselves take the matter in their own hands and demand an explanation from the Government of the reasons why they trample upon the rights of the minority in this manner. I do not wish to detain the House, but I feel it my duty to enter my protest against the course which the Government persists in pursuing on this important question.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL hoped that the House would at all events continue the debate until six o'clock if they could not conclude it to-day. He was glad to be able to promise that there would be a change in the practise which had obtained with regard to the introduction of bills in the Upper House. He had in his hands six or seven bills which he proposed to introduce the moment the debate was concluded.

HON. MR. READ hoped that the debate would be adjourned in order that members who had only arrived to-day and others who were on their way to the Capital might have an opportunity to participate in it. (Cries of "go on.")

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—I cannot but feel some regret that it has been deemed expedient by the majority in this House to press the motion. I think the precedent we have had on former occasions should be followed this afternoon. However, as it has been decided to continue the debate, I will endeavor to make a few remarks upon the subject before the House.

I observe that the Speech from the Throne commences with some very general sweeping statements. We are told by

His Excellency that "Canada has been favored with a year of prosperity. Her farmers have enjoyed a plentiful harvest and remunerative prices." Now these are sweeping statements. It seems to have been forgotten by those who placed this language in the mouth of the Governor General that Canada is a country covering a very wide region. It has been sometimes the boast of Canadians that their territory is washed by the Atlantic and Pacific. It is, therefore, not by any means unnatural to conclude that a great variety of climate, soil and circumstances exists between these broad areas. Now it may be perfectly true that in the western regions of Canada, in Ontario, and perhaps also in many parts of Quebec, the season has been a very favorable one for agriculturists and that the crops which have been garnered have been very large and of a very fine quality, but the Government appear to have forgotten that they have some Maritime Provinces whose climate differs materially from that of Ontario. Unhappily in the Maritime Provinces the summer was not a genial one by any means. The early part of it conduced to a vigorous growth, but in the latter part of it, when sun and heat were required to mature the crops there was gloom, and the consequence was the hay crop which is one of the most important in the Maritime Provinces was very much deteriorated in quality. Although at one time it had every appearance of being superior to any that had been seen for years before the continuous gloom in the end made it comparatively worthless, and the same cause also conduced to injure the cereals. In the province with which I am connected wheat was a failure and the oats and barley were not so good a crop as we had been accustomed to harvest in some seasons. It is true that the Province from which I come is only a small one; nevertheless, it is a province of the Dominion, and was at one time an independent colony, and the people of that Province like to feel assured when a general statement is made in a speech from the Throne like this that if unfortunately there should be an exception in their case it should be noticed. People, who have labored hard and had very poor returns for their work, do not like to have it said in quarters which should be better informed that they have

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