

would injuriously affect our business; the other might—I do not say that it would—and I would prefer the shorter of the two adjournments.

The Senate divided on the amendment to the amendment, which was agreed to by the following vote:—

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Hon. Messrs.

Armand,	Montplaisir,
Baillargeon,	O'Donohoe,
Bellerose,	Paquet,
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Boyd,	Read,
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DeBlois,	Sanford,
Dever,	Scott,
McCallum,	Smith,
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Abbott,	Kaulbach,
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Boucherville, de,	Macdonald (B.C.),
Carling,	MacInnes (Burlington),
Dicley,	Miller,
Flint,	Perley,
Girard,	Power,
Gowan,	Prowse,
Grant,	Vidal.—20.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Tuesday, May 26th, 1891.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 8.30 p.m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

NEW SENATORS.

THE SPEAKER presented to the House returns from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, setting forth that His Excellency the Governor General had summoned to the Senate—

GEORGE WILLIAM HOWLAN, of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

JABEZ BUNTING SNOWBALL, of Chatham, N.B.

ANDREW ARCHIBALD MACDONALD, of Charlottetown, P.E.I.

The Hon. Messrs. HOWLAN, SNOWBALL and MACDONALD were then introduced and took their seats.

SENATOR ALEXANDER'S SEAT.

MOTION.

THE SPEAKER presented to the House the second report of the Committee on the Orders and Customs of the Senate and the Privileges of Parliament.

The report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

SENATE CHAMBER,
TUESDAY, 26th May, 1891.

The committee appointed to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, to whom was referred the report of the Clerk of the Senate in relation to the absence of the Honourable George Alexander from his seat in the Senate for two consecutive sessions of the last Parliament, beg leave to report :

That they have taken the said report into consideration, and having also referred to the Journals of the House, find that the said Honourable George Alexander, one of the members of the Senate, for the Province of Ontario, has for two consecutive sessions of the last Parliament failed to give his attendance to this House; and that, further, the Honourable George Alexander has addressed a letter to the Honourable the Senator for Inkerman, dated the twelfth May instant, and has caused the same to be transmitted to him through the Clerk of this House, in which he states his inability to attend during the last two Sessions of this House, and admits that his seat has thereby become vacant.

Your Committee recommend that the following resolution be adopted by the House:—

Resolved, That the Honourable George Alexander, one of the members of the Senate from the Province of Ontario, has for two consecutive sessions of the last Parliament of Canada failed to give his attendance in this House, and thereby vacated his seat. That this House, in pursuance of the thirty-third section of the British North America Act, 1867, doth declare, determine and adjudge the said seat of the Honourable George Alexander vacated.

The whole respectfully submitted.

A. LACOSTE,
Chairman of the Committee.

HON. MR. ABBOTT—I perceive that this report does not state the fact indicating a precaution which the Committee of the Whole House took in order to prevent the necessity of the House taking any special action, as it has done on former occasions, in notifying the gentleman whose absence has been noted that on a certain day the question of the declaration of his seat being vacant will be taken up. I think, as it might be drawn into a precedent, it would be as well to insert in this report the fact that the sitting of the committee was adjourned in order to give the hon. gentleman an opportunity of attending, if he thought proper, and it was ordered that a notice should be sent to him of the adjournment and of the day fixed for the re-assembling of the com-