

If the insinuation in the "Globe" newspaper was right, Mr. Peters had no right to be called to the bar of the province of British Columbia, as he was not permitted, when waiting for a call, to have clients or deal professionally with matters of that kind. While I am on my feet, and in justice to him, in view of this statement, I may add that having heard what was said in regard to his application, I asked him about it, after the statement was made in this House, and he told me that he had written or communicated that telegram to his old friend the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in a purely personal and non-business way, that he had not an interest of a dollar, or a sixpence, let alone being concerned with me in any way, shape or form. Under these circumstances, I again call the attention of the Government to the matter, as I did yesterday, before this misleading statement was put in the paper. I call their attention to it in order to have the return at the earliest possible date. I do not ask to have the contents of that cipher, though I am perfectly ready to have them put with the returns before the House, and, from Mr. Peters' statement to me, there is not a word of that telegram that cannot see the light of day. But the dates are important, for he was not my partner until July, 1898, and these telegrams were sent in February, while I was here attending to my business in the House, and he was at Victoria, B.C. Now, Mr. Speaker, I have done everything I could. I moved in my place for returns, and I have called attention to them across the floor of the House. I handed the Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) a memorandum of those that I am urgently in need of for the preparation of very important work to be brought to the attention of the House of Commons; and I have to say, that I shall regret exceedingly, if it becomes my duty, to-morrow or any subsequent day when the House is moved into Supply, to take up considerable time in discussing the nature of all these requests and all these motions, and the reasons at large why I want them.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. McMULLEN. Before the Orders of the Day are called, I think the House would like to learn from the Government, as early

Sir CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER (Pictou).

as possible what they intend to do with regard to the adjournment for Queen's birthday, next Wednesday. Probably, the members would like to know in order that they may make their arrangements. Monday is private members' day, and I notice that a large portion of the notices of motion have been run over two or three times. Tuesday is Government day, and, of course, if there was an adjournment given, say from Friday night till Thursday, we might, if the Government were disposed, take the following Saturday in place of Tuesday. That would give the members an opportunity of going home. Of course, if we took the following Saturday in place of Tuesday, no time would be lost. I think it would be well that we should learn the intention of the Government on this point as early as possible.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER (Cape Breton). I would like to say, that there is a great deal of force in what the hon. gentleman has said. The Government would lose no time; the only day that would be lost would be a private day, and, as private business is pretty well advanced, we would probably be on Saturday quite as far advanced without putting members on both sides of the House to the inconvenience that would naturally follow a meeting for a single day.

The PRIME MINISTER (Sir Wilfrid Laurier). This is a matter as to which the Government would be disposed to yield largely to the views of the House. At the present time I must say, that I had not contemplated any such step, and I have just given notice of the usual holiday on the Queen's birthday. But members can think it over, and, if our friends in the Opposition can give us some assurance that we will proceed with the business, we might agree to the proposition.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Assuming that the return will be brought down.

The PRIME MINISTER. I am afraid that no returns will satisfy my hon. friend. At all events, we will let the matter stand until eight o'clock.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION.

Mr. N. C. WALLACE (West York). Before the Orders of the Day are called, I would like to call the attention of the hon. the Prime Minister to a despatch appearing