

The SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman says that this motion does not conflict with the first, but gives more power to this committee.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The decision of yesterday arose in this way: The substance of the resolution which I have just had the honour to move was embodied in the report of the Committee on Selection. His Honour, the Speaker, at the request of the hon. gentleman from Lauzon (Hon. Mr. Bolduc), ruled that it was not parliamentary to embody that resolution in the report of the Committee of Selection—that it was a step outside the jurisdiction of the committee. His Honour will remember that I accepted his decision without hesitation. Now I understand that the hon. gentleman from Lauzon, and His Honour the Speaker, apparently concurs with him, takes the ground that because yesterday—

The SPEAKER—I have given no decision yet.

Hon. Mr. POWER—At all events the hon. gentleman from Lauzon takes the ground that that decision yesterday makes this motion out of order. Why, it has nothing whatever to do with it. This is an independent motion. His Honour, the Speaker, ruled the other one out of order because it was in a place where it had no right to be—it was in the report of the Committee of Selection—but does His Honour say that this House has no power to pass this resolution now?

The SPEAKER—I do not understand the contention of the hon. member from Lauzon that way. He does not raise the point of order because of the ruling of yesterday, but on another ground altogether—on account of the decision of the Senate on another motion moved by the leader of the House. I say that motion has been carried and it limits the powers of the committees, this committee included. The powers you are asking for to-day are more than the powers given by the Senate yesterday. In the face of the contention raised by the hon. member from Killarney, I ask to be allowed to defer my decision on that question. I shall go further into it and give my decision later on.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—I suggest that the resolution should stand over until after the adjournment. Nothing will suffer by the postponement, and it seems only a reasonable proposition.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG.

The SPEAKER—The hon. gentleman from Halifax should withdraw his motion and let it stand as a notice of motion until the next sitting of the House.

The motion was withdrawn accordingly.

THE ADDRESS.

DEBATE CONCLUDED.

The Order of the Day being called:

Resuming the further consideration of His Royal Highness the Governor General's speech on the occasion of the opening of the third session of the twelfth Parliament, and the motion of Colonel the Hon. Mr. Mason, seconded by the Hon. M. Thorne, that an humble address be presented to His Royal Highness the Governor General in answer thereto.—(Hon. Mr. Daniel.)

Col. the Hon. Mr. MASON—Before the debate is resumed I should like to say a word regarding the statement made yesterday during the debate by the hon. member from De Lanaudière. I am sorry that he is absent, but he took occasion to draw attention to an apparent discrepancy between myself and the leader of the Government, as to the cost of the National Transcontinental railway—

Hon. Mr. POWER—I rise to a question of order. The hon. gentleman who made the observation referred to is not in his place. I think that is a substantial reason for not dealing with the matter now. Practically the hon. gentleman has asked the House to suspend its order of business, to enable him to reply to a gentleman who is not here.

Col. the Hon. Mr. MASON—I am quite willing to wait until he is here.

Hon. Mr. DANIEL—In continuing for a very few moments the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, I wish to join, in the first place, with those who have already spoken in bearing testimony to the very high place Their Royal Highnesses hold in the esteem of Canadians generally. During the illness of Her Royal Highness in London and here, the thoughts and sympathies of the people of Canada went out to her, more especially in those dread moments when her life was in the balance. Canadians, without exception, will be glad to see Their Royal Highnesses hold their present position as long as it is possible so to do, and to wish them every present and future good, in the high position they occupy in the state, and in the hearts of the people.

I have listened during this debate, as I always do, and as I am sure every other