

name on the Committee on Selection, seconded by the hon. gentleman from Mille Isles.

Hon. Mr. DAVID.—No, I will not second it.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE.—Then the hon. gentleman from Portage la Prairie?

Hon. Mr. WATSON.—No, I will not second it.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE.—I will second the motion.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—This seems to me to be an irregular proceeding. I shall not discuss now the action of the Senate on the first day of its meeting. My own impression was, at the time, that our action was too precipitate and out of order. The motion ought to have stood for consideration; but since it has been adopted, a motion to change the committee without notice cannot be regular. I would suggest to my hon. friend that he should put a notice on the paper for a reconsideration of this question. The irregular procedure suggested cannot be allowed, because there would be no finality about any order passed by the House if such a precedent should be established.

The SPEAKER.—The hon. gentleman's motion having been objected to is, of course, out of order.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—We frequently suspend the rules of the House, and as the hon. senator from Montarville is willing to retire from the committee there can be no objection to dispensing with the rules on this occasion. My object in wishing to proceed now is to save time so that the committees may be struck while the debate on the address is proceeding. I hope the hon. ex-leader of the opposition will withdraw his objection.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSON—The whole proceeding has been irregular. What should have been merely a notice of motion was permitted to slip through as a motion. The House was not well organized after the speech from the Throne, and I thought that the motion which was read was merely a no-

tice and did not observe until too late that it had been carried as a motion. It is not only irregular to appoint a committee without notice of motion, but to appoint any committee until after the address has been adopted, so my hon. friend will have ample time to give notice, and it will mature before the House will be in a position to consider it, and the committee cannot sit and report until after the address is adopted.

The SPEAKER—The motion is out of order because an objection has been made. It could only be adopted by unanimous consent.

Hon. Mr. POIRIER—We are embarking on a very irregular procedure. A motion has been passed; it cannot be amended. While I sympathize on principle with my hon. friend to my right, because I may remark parenthetically there is no senator from New Brunswick on that committee—

The SPEAKER—I am sorry to interrupt but the hon. gentleman is entirely out of order.

Hon. Mr. POIRIER—If I may be permitted to speak on the point of order, I submit that the regular way to proceed would be for the hon. gentleman to simply resign, and then a motion could be made to replace him, and that would not interfere with the record of what has been done. We could go on with the work of the House. The committee would exist, only there would be a vacancy between the resignation of the hon. senator from De Salaberry and the appointment of his successor.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—Having made my protest, I shall have nothing more to do about it.

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

The order of the day being called :

Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech on the opening of the first session of the eleventh parliament.

Hon. Mr. DAVID—(In French).—Having had a short time to prepare myself to move the address in answer to the speech from the Throne, my remarks will be as brief