

I think the mere fact of sending a resolution and throwing it on the table of the House is not convenient. It might be left on the table.

The SPEAKER—I believe that the hon. gentleman from Stadacona is right; but if this resolution is adopted, then, as with Bills that pass through this House, I will perforce order that a message be sent to the House of Commons with the resolution passed on May 13.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Yes, but the motion should be that a message be sent with the resolution. We have no motion at all.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—I was not here when the motion was debated and voted upon, but, unless by unanimous consent, we cannot extend it, and I would suggest to the hon. gentleman from Wellington that he should consider as an amendment to the last part of his motion, that he should simply refer to the shortening of the session and not enter into details. It might be considered impertinent on the part of this House to furnish these details.

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN—I am quite willing to accept the proposed amendment.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I object to any amendment.

The SPEAKER—No amendment can be made to this resolution, except it be withdrawn and proposed anew.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—It has been withdrawn twice now.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—It can be done by unanimous consent of the Senate.

The SPEAKER—I have already stated that it is not this motion which will go to the House of Commons, but it will be the motion which was passed and which cannot be amended by this resolution. This is but a summary of the resolution of the 13th May. I take for granted this motion is that the resolution passed by the Senate on the 13th May be sent to the House of Commons, and I believe the motion is in order.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The motion is in order, and the House can pass that motion, but the uniform practice is to move that a message be sent to the House of Commons. That is supposed to be a more respectful way of dealing with the other chamber, and I think just now we had better show the utmost respect and deference to the feelings of the other House.

The SPEAKER—If the hon. gentleman from Wellington desires to withdraw his motion and present it with that other proviso that a message be sent to the House of Commons, &c., he may do so.

Hon. Mr. McMULLEN—I made every endeavour to meet the suggestions thrown out from time to time. I have already ended it. I am quite willing to accept the suggestion made by the Speaker, that he will forward the motion as it was passed on the 13th May, with a copy of this resolution as authority for so doing. I think that is all that is required.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Did I understand the hon. Speaker to rule that this was a motion which could not be discussed because the Senate had debated the subject upon a former occasion? If I am to understand the Speaker's ruling goes to that extent, I shall take exception to it. My impression is that we have a right to discuss the merits of every motion before the Senate, and to give our reasons why we oppose its adoption or why we are in favour of it being passed. I think the Speaker would be quite right in ruling that we had no right to refer to or comment on a former debate. If I understood the Speaker's ruling to go only to that extent, I could have no objection. For my part, I expressed myself, when the resolution was before the House, as being opposed to the whole proceeding for reasons which I gave at the time, and that I should try and stop, so far as the rules of parliament will permit me, any further step being taken in the matter, and in affirming my position and that of those who take the same view that I do, it strikes me we would have a right to give our reasons why we object to the motion being carried. I am not going into that discussion just now, because my hon. friend from Wellington has consented