

Hon. Mr. SCOTT said no change had been made in the committee since 1874 except by the addition of any hon. gentleman whom the House desired should be placed on it. Next year whosoever duty it might be to arrange the committees might make a better subdivision of them.

The motion was amended by the addition of the name of Hon. Mr. Northup, and as so amended it was agreed to.

CHANGING A NOTICE OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL moved to have hon. Mr. Macpherson's notice of motion changed from Tuesday, as it was on the order paper, to Monday. He explained that Mr. Macpherson had gone to Toronto, and had asked him when the order came up to have it postponed until Monday. He (Mr. Campbell) had subsequently met Mr. Brown who had asked him to allow it to stand over until Tuesday. He had done so without consulting Mr. Macpherson, and that gentleman had since written to him that he wished to take up the question on Monday. He would now move to have the notice on the order paper changed for Monday.

Several hon. gentlemen objected to the change being made in the absence of hon. Mr. Brown, and hon. Mr. Campbell withdrew his motion.

The House adjourned at 4.30 p. m.

THE SENATE.

Monday, Feb. 25th.

The SPEAKER took the chair at three o'clock.

After Routine proceedings.

THE PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION TO RESCIND WITHDRAWN.

Hon. Mr. DICKEY said, before proceeding with the orders of the day, it might be more convenient to call the attention of the House to the notice under his name to rescind the motion for the adjournment which had been agreed to last Friday. Considering that the mem-

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bers of the Government in this Chamber had voted against the resolution which he proposed to rescind, it was unfortunate, to say the least of it, that they had not been a little more ingenuous, and told the House the reasons why they opposed it. They would have relieved a great many hon. members in the course then taken, who would have been guided by a decided announcement from the Government. It was not the part of a private member to interfere with the course of parliamentary business, and assume the responsibility which properly belonged to hon. gentlemen on the Treasury benches, who generally lead the business of the House; and it was only in order to give the Government an opportunity of taking that responsibility that he gave the notice to rescind the resolution, which, on the face of it, appeared to be somewhat an interference with the legitimate parliamentary functions of the Government. As regards himself, individually, he had no desire to be in any way a party to a dog-in-the-manger policy; and under the circumstances, the House would assume that he was taking the correct course when he desired to relieve himself of that responsibility, and throw it upon the Government. He, therefore, asked the Government if they would be kind enough to inform the House whether there was a prospect of any pressing business such as to make it indispensable for the House to remain in session, and on the answer which the House received would depend the course which he would pursue. Having said that much, he wished to relieve himself of the responsibility of the resolution, and to throw upon the Government the duty of informing the House whether the adjournment would interfere with public business.

Hon. Mr. BELLEROSE said, when he moved his resolution last week, it was done without consulting the Government. This was his 24th or 25th Session in Parliament, and he had seen his friends on the Treasury benches, as well as his opponents. It had been customary for both parties, when in power, to leave it to the House to decide whether they would take an adjournment or not. He did not think it was reasonable to throw on the present Government a responsibility which his own friends had not taken in years past. He had taken the responsi-