

of \$1,000 or so would tend towards its completion and would render it of some advantage to the people in that section. As it is nearly six o'clock, and as I wish to hear from my hon. friend from East Prince (Mr. Yeo) I will now take my seat.

Mr. YEO. Mr. Speaker, as it is six o'clock and the House is about to adjourn, I beg to move the adjournment of the debate.

Motion agreed to, and debate adjourned.

#### RETURNS ORDERED.

Copies of all memorials, reports, correspondence, plans and papers in relation to the construction of a bridge in front of Quebec, or in the vicinity, to connect the Intercolonial Railway with the Canadian Pacific Railway.—(Mr. Lange-lier.)

Return giving the names of all fishermen holding fishing licenses in the county of Lincoln and Niagara from the Dominion Government, and the amounts paid by each during the year 1895, and the names of license holders for the same district for the year 1896.—(Mr. Gibson.)

#### ADJOURNMENT—CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

The PRIME MINISTER (Mr. Laurier). Mr. Speaker, as we have very nearly exhausted the Order paper, and under the circumstances with which the House is familiar, I will now move the adjournment of the House.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I would like to ask the hon. leader of the Government if he would be able to lay upon the Table of the House the papers referred to in my letter to His Excellency the Governor General; the list of precedents and the list of appointments made by Mr. Mackenzie's Government?

The PRIME MINISTER. The list of precedents to which my hon. friend alludes will be laid upon the Table of the House to-morrow. The papers which he moved for the other day respecting the appointments made by the several Governments after their defeat, the Mackenzie Government and so on, will be laid, I hope, upon the Table of the House on Friday.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. The hon. gentleman of course, knows to what papers I refer. In my letter to His Excellency the Governor General, I referred to papers which I had placed in His Excellency's hands, containing the precedents to which I wished to draw His Excellency's attention; also, the list of appointments made by Mr. Mackenzie's Administration after its defeat and previous to its resignation. I presume that these papers, being referred to in the letter, form part of that correspondence, and I would be glad to have them both laid on the Table.

The PRIME MINISTER. Certainly, they will both be laid on the Table of the House to-morrow. My hon. friend also made a motion the other day on the subject of the appointments of the Mackenzie Government after its defeat. All these papers, I hope, will be laid on the Table on Friday.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I would ask the leader of the House whether he proposes to adjourn the House from Thursday night till Tuesday.

The PRIME MINISTER. The House will sit to-morrow and on Friday as well. As to whether it will sit on Monday or not, I shall be able to make a definite statement to the House to-morrow.

Mr. TAYLOR. Before this motion is put, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. leader of the Government to the fact that when it was proposed a few days ago to make Wednesday a Government day, it was decided that we should have Wednesday after six o'clock for public Bills and Orders. I have on the Order paper a most important Bill referring to alien labour, and I am receiving letters and petitions by every mail, urging that it shall be pushed through this session.

Mr. SOMERVILLE. Why did you not push it through last session?

Mr. TAYLOR. Simply because hon. gentlemen opposite would not allow us to reach it. There is a demand made by both sides of the House that this Bill be pressed to a conclusion this year, and I hope that, if the time allotted to private members on Wednesday be taken away, the hon. leader of the Government will place this among the Government Orders.

The PRIME MINISTER. I may say to my hon. friend that the Government do not intend to place that Bill on the Government Orders, but we will give my hon. friend every opportunity to bring it before the House and have it discussed. The hon. gentleman understands the reason why the House is not sitting this evening. We have among us a most distinguished stranger, who is to be entertained this evening, and I am sure that every member of the House wishes him to be entertained in a suitable manner.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. FOSTER. I wish to give the hon. gentleman notice that before the House goes into Supply to-morrow, there will be something said in reference to Governor General's warrants, followed by a motion.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 6 o'clock.