

" The CHAIRMAN said if Mr. *Dorion* and Mr. *Blake* were not in favour of making a Report, and withdrew because they thought no Report should be made, the majority of the Committee would not make any Report.

" Mr. *Dorion* said he wanted a Report to be made, but did not concur with the majority.

" The CHAIRMAN—All we propose to do is simply to report our proceedings to the House. If you don't like that report, we need not make any at all.

" Mr. *Dorion*—If I move any amendment, I would stop the report from being made.

" The CHAIRMAN—It is impossible for me to tell the result of merely reporting our proceedings to the House. But if you don't think any report of our proceedings should be made, I have no objection that it be so resolved. My own impression is that as we reported all our former proceedings to the House, there is no objection to our also reporting those which have taken place since the last meeting of the House.

" Mr. *Dorion* said he would not interfere with such a step.

" The CHAIRMAN—Then I suppose it is so resolved, and we have completed our business?

" Mr. *Blake*—No, there is a quorum present, and any amendment is in order. I move that the House be asked to give such instructions to the Committee as will enable them to proceed with the enquiry.

" Mr. *Dorion* here withdrew from the room, and the motion was carried unanimously by Messrs. *Cameron*, *Blanchet* and *Blake*.

Mr. *Blake* inquired of the Chairman—Do you propose to give the House communication of this resolution?

" The CHAIRMAN—Not unless you move it to be done.

" Mr. *Blake*—Do you propose to communicate any of the previous proceedings?

" The CHAIRMAN—I do not.

" Mr. *Blanchet*—I think we should report our proceedings. I move that the proceedings of the Committee since 17th May last be reported to the House.

" Mr. *Blake*—I move an amendment that the Committee adjourn till eleven o'clock to-morrow.

" Carried.

" Yeas—*Blake*, *Cameron*.

" Nays—*Blanchet*.

" The Committee then adjourned."

A few hours after my arrival in Ottawa, Sir *John Macdonald* called upon me by appointment, and formally submitted the unanimous advice of my Ministers, that Parliament should be prorogued according to the announcement made by my authority in both Houses previous to its adjournment. After some conversation, in which we went over the whole ground, and again examined the suggestion contained in my letter relative to an adjournment, I finally announced to him, that on a due consideration of all the circumstances of the case, the prorogation of Parliament seemed to me inevitable,—that I did not feel myself justified in withdrawing my confidence from Ministers, or in concluding that Parliament had done so, and that, therefore, I was prepared to be guided by the counsels of himself and his colleagues,—but that I must formally insist on one condition as the price of my assent to prorogation, viz:—that Parliament should be again convoked within as short a period as was consistent with the reasonable convenience of Members, and that I considered six or eight weeks was as long an interval as should intervene before the House re-assembled. Sir *John Macdonald* did not offer any objection to this proposition—indeed he had already volunteered a suggestion to a similar effect,—and it was agreed that I should meet my Council at two o'clock, in order that it might be ratified in the presence of all my Ministers.