

discussion should be postponed until to-morrow, I have no objection at all. What I object to is the reason given, that hon. members want to listen to the debate in the other House. We should have some little respect for the Senate and for ourselves.

Hon. Mr. DAVID—Some hon. members of this House expressed the wish that the consideration of the address should be postponed until to-morrow, and in view of the bad condition of my throat this morning, though I am better now, I thought proper to acquiesce in that desire, but I am ready to proceed if that is the desire of the House. I do not want to inconvenience any one, or to ask hon. gentlemen to do something which they do not approve of. I have too much respect for the hon. members of this House to ask them to postpone the debate because of my indisposition, so I am ready to go on.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I do not object to the postponement, but I do object to a postponement on the ground given. The hon. gentleman's indisposition is another thing, and it is only usual courtesy to postpone a debate under such circumstances, but it is not usual to postpone a debate on the other ground, in order that hon. members may go to the gallery of the other chamber and listen to a debate.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The hon. gentleman closed his hearing to the other reason which I gave.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—The hon. gentleman who is to move the address spoke to me this morning on this subject. I said that as a matter of courtesy to himself—I think I used the same expression that was used by the late Speaker—as far as I was concerned, I should have no objection to his doing it; but I do take objection to the manner in which it has been brought before the House. I quite agree with the hon. gentleman from Halifax that we should not adjourn this debate or any other for the reasons given by the hon. gentleman who has suggested the adjournment. I go further: I think that an intimation of this kind should have emanated from the hon. leader of this House, and not from an individual member, and, if he will permit me to say so, I think he ought to assume his own power and dignity in this case and not allow private members to take it away from him.

There is a certain amount of respect due to the hon. leader of the House, no matter who he may be, or what party he represents, and when a request of this kind is made, or when there is any change to be made in the order of business, if it comes from the hon. leader of the House it comes with greater force and with greater dignity, and members of the House will acquiesce in any request of that kind much more readily than when it is taken out of his hands. I occupied that position myself, years ago and I used to feel very sensitive when members of my own party assumed my role and occupied the position which I thought I ought to occupy. The hon. Secretary of State will excuse me for saying what I do, and I think the hon. gentleman from Victoria will acquiesce in the suggestion I have made. If the hon. gentleman from Mille Isles desires to proceed, we should be much pleased to listen to him, but if for the reasons which he gave me this morning he would rather have the debate postponed till to-morrow, as a matter of courtesy I am sure the House will acquiesce in such a request.

Hon. Mr. DAVID—I am quite ready to go on, but if nobody objects I desire to move that the Order of the Day be discharged and that it be placed on the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I cannot allow the remarks of the hon. leader of the opposition to pass unnoticed, as they are very personal.

Some hon. MEMBERS—Order, order.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I rise to a question of privilege. I am entitled to place my position properly before the House. I had only one or two seconds' consideration before I rose to move the adjournment of this debate, and when the hon. leader of the opposition wanted to insinuate that I did it out of disrespect to the position held by the hon. leader of the House, I tell him that he is mistaken. I had no such idea. I did so after a consultation with the hon. gentleman who was to move the address, so that the hon. leader's remarks with regard to want of respect and want of dignity are quite out of order, and made without knowing all the facts. If he had come to me and asked me how I came to make the motion, I would have told him, but he had no