

the want of a leader was one of the reasons why the adjournment was proposed, he would not vote against the motion.

HON. MR. SMITH said he was not speaking for the Government when he approved of the adjournment; he was speaking for himself. He was not able to remain in the House; he wanted to get to his room. He was suffering from pain to such an extent that he had not slept three hours in as many nights.

HON. MR. McINNES regretted that his hon. friend was suffering from pain, and explained that he had misunderstood the hon. gentleman's remarks. He hoped the Government would be prepared in the future to bring down their legislation when Parliament met. If such were the case, there would be no necessity for adjournments.

The motion was agreed to on a division.

The Senate adjourned at 4:35.

### THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Thursday, April 21st, 1887.*

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3 o'clock.

Prayers and Routine proceedings.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The first Reports of the following committees were presented and adopted without discussion:—

On Contingent Accounts—(Mr. Howlan.)

On Standing Orders and Private Bills—(Mr. Gowan.)

On Banking and Commerce—(Mr. Allan.)

On Railways Telegraphs and Harbors—(Mr. Dickey.)

On Reporting the Senate Debates—(Mr. Vidal.)

HON. MR. McINNES.

### IMPORTATIONS OF DYNAMITE.

#### INQUIRY.

HON. MR. POWER—I would ask the hon. gentleman who represents the Government in this House if he would be kind enough to see that some papers asked for last year in connection with the importation of dynamite into the port of Halifax be brought down at an early day. At the time the return was moved for the hon. gentleman who now fills the Chair of this House was in charge of the Government business in the Senate, and he said that the papers which I asked for were ready but that he preferred not to lay them on the Table of the House until some other correspondence with respect to the importation of dynamite into the port of Montreal was also ready to be laid on the Table. He proposed to lay them on the Table together. As some 11 months have elapsed since then, I presume that the correspondence must be ready to be laid before the House.

HON. MR. SMITH—I will inquire into the matter and give the hon. gentleman an answer as soon as possible.

### DELAYED TRAINS ON THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

#### INQUIRY.

HON. MR. ALMON inquired of the Government why it was that the train of the Intercolonial Railway which left Halifax on Monday afternoon, April 11th, and was due at Point Levis at six o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, April 12th, did not arrive at the latter place till one o'clock, a.m., on Wednesday, 13th?

He said: I trust that this hon. body will not think that I have made this motion without reason. It is of very great importance. It must appear to everybody that Government railroads should run punctually and that their arrivals and departures should be depended upon by the public. More so should it have been with the train which left Halifax on the 11th April. There were a number of members on board who were coming up to Ottawa to the opening of the House. If the train had been on time they would have got here