

she will not be a party to such a disturbance of longitudinal meridian—which might not be productive of any real practical good, while much evil might be the result. And what subject of Her Majesty in this Dominion, that values British connection, would be a party to such a movement, until the Government of the Empire believe it to be in the interests of mankind, from their enlarged knowledge of the whole position. It would be unseemly, in the highest degree, of our Parliament or Government to think of sending any one to the Washington Conference, until the Imperial Government moves in the matter. I am sure I express the feeling of the House, when I say that we have the deepest interest in strengthening in every way the bonds of attachment to that great country, and that we should be very careful not, by any act of ours, to weaken the cordial relationship now existing.

HON. MR. VIDAL—I think by this time the inexpediency of discussing a matter which has not yet been brought before us must be patent to all of us. I am under the impression that the hon. member for Woodstock (Mr. Alexander) has travelled greatly beyond the record which has been brought before us. As far as I understand the motion it does not contemplate any such disturbance with the regulation of time as the hon. member for Woodstock would lead us to suppose. I have taken great interest in these questions, and it appears to me that the proposition is merely to try to get the whole world to agree to one Prime meridian, from which all measures of longitude would be taken, not interfering at all with the local meridians, which have been referred to, every 15 degrees. It is quite obvious that we can discuss this matter with much greater propriety after we have seen the documents which the hon. member from Toronto has asked to be produced.

HON. MR. ALLAN—I thought it was so perfectly apparent to the House that this was not the proper time to enter into a discussion of this subject, that I considered it hardly worth while to say anything in reply to the Hon. gentleman from Woodstock; but I may state this, I think he has entirely misconceived the whole matter. I do not think there is any inten-

tion that this country should act independently of the mother country; in fact it will be seen, when the papers are brought down, that His Excellency has been asked simply to use his influence with the Imperial Government to have through them representatives go from Canada as well as from Great Britain to attend this Conference: and I may say further that these very scientists, to whom the hon. gentleman has alluded as showing a want of practical sense in these matters, have I believe agreed upon still maintaining Greenwich as the Prime Meridian.

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—
There is no objection to the address.

The motion was agreed to.

MURRAY CANAL

MOTION.

HON. MR. DONOHOE moved:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all tenders received for the construction of the Murray Canal; as well as copies of all Reports and Estimates of Engineers, of all Petitions, of all Orders in Council, and of all Correspondence concerning the same. Also, copies of the quantities of each item in the Bill forming part of the tender as originally contemplated to be constructed, as well as of the reduced quantities on which the Contract is said to have been awarded; and of the total amount of each tender received computed according to such original quantities, and according to such changed or reduced quantities respectively.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 3.40 P. M.