

teen years ago have ever been fulfilled. This question, I take it, demands from the Senate very careful, long and continued deliberation and discussion; and other questions might be introduced which would be useful to the country and to the credit of the Senate, if sufficient time and attention were given to them.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I hope the few remarks that I made on this subject will have some influence on the leader of the House. I am very much surprised at the remarks of the senior member for Halifax to-day. He said that my remarks on this question were a repetition of my remarks on former occasions—that I brought nothing new to bear on the subject, except what I said about the Divorce Committee. I am sorry that the hon. gentleman did not understand my reasons against a long adjournment, and I can only attribute to him personal motives in supporting this motion. My hon. friend on former occasions stood by me when I opposed adjournments during the Session; but now he tells us that he wants to go home himself—in other words, that he is prepared to sacrifice the business of the country for his own personal gratification. My hon. friend says that we can do the business that remains to be done this Session in three weeks. He is one of those who, with myself, have for years past denounced the Government for holding back the important business of the country to the last week of the Session, yet he now thinks we can adjourn for two weeks, go to our homes, and then come back here and finish up the business of the Session in three weeks. The important Bill respecting bills of exchange and promissory notes is to come before us in committee, and every clause of it should be discussed a couple of days at least. Then the Bill respecting the Northwest Territories is a matter of grave and important consideration, and might well occupy the time of the House for two or three days. The hon. gentleman from Halifax seems to be in the secrets of the Government, and tells us how long the other branch of the Legislature is going to sit. He seems to have privileges which are not accorded to other members of the Senate. He tells us that he had his information from the Ministry. I doubt if his information is correct—that even a Minister could tell him; and I doubt if any such

decision has been arrived at. On Friday of this week the Divorce Committee would probably have a report to present to the House for consideration. By this motion we lose not only Friday, but all the next week and part of the week following, and then meet at 8:30 in the evening. Is not that a day lost also? It is a fraud and a delusion to say that on the night we meet here after the holidays we shall do any business. To meet at that hour is simply to do nothing, and adjourn. Members rush in here late in the evening, and they do not feel disposed to enter upon the business of the House with any pleasure. The mind is diverted by absence from legislation and from being shaken up by the cars. So it is not only Friday of this week, but all next week and virtually two days of the week following will be lost. The junior member for Halifax has referred to the importance of his going down to his own Province to consult his constituents on the Short Line question. When he gets down there he has a lovely place on an arm of the sea, and when he finds himself sitting cozily in his pleasant room he will think very little of the affairs of the Province, or the Short Line either. I am surprised that the hon. gentleman has shown such ignorance of the Province of Nova Scotia. He thinks Lunenburg is out of civilization, and we have no way of getting down there except by tramping through. I will inform my hon. friend that we have had steamers running daily to that town ever since Confederation. We have a railway coming there within two miles of my own premises, and we have every accommodation; but notwithstanding the facilities which I might avail myself of to go home, I consider it is not in the public interest that I should go and leave the business of the country at a standstill. We had nothing to do on Monday, simply because there was nothing given us to do. The business of the House was so arranged for Monday and Tuesday that we had nothing on our Order Paper. When I look upon the amount of business before us and the attention it requires I cannot see that this adjournment will have any beneficial effect, but quite the reverse. I do hope the leader of the House will take this matter into consideration, and not place us in a humiliating position; those of us who are anxious to take an interest in the business of the