Moreover as Earl Grey will be leaving Canada in a couple of months, the matter is not one with which he is particularly concerned and his successor will never dream of raising such an objection.

In addition to the foregoing objections to the proposed amendment there is the lateness of the Session to urge against introducing it.

Finaly I may point out that the proposed amendment will be held up by the Opposition members and the newspapers as a reflection upon the Secretary of State because they can easily argue that it has been found unwise and unsafe to entrust to the Secretary of State the work given him by the Act and that for this reason the change is being made.

That I respectfully submit is a position in which I should not be placed, and I would, therefore, ask that nothing further be done in the matter until I have had an opportunity of placing all these views before you and our colleagues in Council. (1)

<sup>(1) &</sup>lt;u>Laurier Papers.</u> Vol. 6-27. Doc. 170261-2