

hon. gentleman who introduces this resolution to explain the reasons which render it necessary that there should be such a committee. That has not been done, and I do not think the House should grant a committee as a matter of course upon the mere presentation of a notice like this.

HON. MR. GLASIER—I do not know why any more explanations are required. I think the matter has already been pretty well explained to the House; if any further explanation is required it can be furnished when the report of the Committee is presented.

HON. MR. SMITH—The hon. gentleman who has moved this resolution told me that there would be only about one witness, and the Government has no objection to the granting of the Committee.

The motion was agreed to.

THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SUBWAY.

MOTION.

HON. MR. HOWLAN moved:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the plans and reports of the late Survey concerning the proposed Subway between Cape Traverse, Prince Edward Island, and Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick.

The motion was agreed to.

IMPORTATION OF DYNAMITE.

INQUIRY.

HON. MR. POWER asked the leader of the Government whether he had made any enquiries about the papers respecting the importation of dynamite for which he had asked yesterday.

HON. MR. SMITH said he had not been able to obtain the information asked for as yet, but it would come down shortly.

CATHOLIC REPRESENTATION IN THE CABINET.

INQUIRY.

HON. MR. O'DONOHUE—Before the orders of the day are called I desire to ask of the leader of the Government why it is that the papers moved for last Session and promised to be brought down on a motion regarding my own appointment to the Cabinet, have not been brought down. The motion was carried in this House and agreed to by the Minister representing the Government. I desire to know from him now if it is the intention of the Government to bring down those papers, or if there is any objection to doing so. It was ordered by this House that the papers should be brought down.

HON. MR. SMITH—I think it was well understood last Session that there were no such papers. I think my answer was like this: that inasmuch as there was no appointment there could be no cancellation, therefore there are no papers to produce from the Privy Council to this House such as my hon. friend asks for. No further information than that can be given that I am aware of, or that any member of the Council can give to my knowledge. I repeat that there was no appointment and therefore there could be no cancellation.

HON. MR. O'DONOHUE—That, of course, is not a return to the motion. The motion that was made was:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, the Patent of appointment, or copy thereof, of John O'Donohoe to the Privy Council, a copy of letters of the Right Honorable Sir John Macdonald to their Lordships certain Bishops of the Province of Ontario, and all other letters and papers, and a copy of all Orders in Council in reference to said appointment or the cancellation thereof.

This House agreed to that motion. It will be found on page 601 of the Senate Debates of last Session. Surely the explanation which the hon. Minister gives me to-day is no return to that motion.