

both the wishes and convenience of the Senate by deferring my reply—which must necessarily, looking into the vast variety of subjects he has travelled over, occupy some considerable time—until to-morrow, and I therefore, with the concurrence of the House, move the adjournment of the debate.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Before the motion is put, might I ask the hon. gentleman, for the information of the Senate, if he can give us an idea of the character of the changes which have been made in the French treaty. I observe that the only information given in the other House was that it affected the fat cattle trade. No other information was given to the questions that were asked by the leader of the opposition in the other House. It would be interesting to know how far the Finance Minister has gone in suggesting or agreeing to changes in the treaty as it exists to-day. It struck me when I saw that item that it affected the very important cattle trade of this country, and consequently would have a very serious effect, providing there were any restrictions placed upon the interests of those who are engaged in that particular business.

Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—I will be able I think to-morrow to give my hon. friend somewhat more detailed information, but I think that all that has been conceded has been the excluding of fat cattle ready to be butchered, but I would prefer to postpone answering that question until I had occasion to deal with the remarks of my hon. friend.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until three o'clock to-morrow.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Wednesday, January 27, 1909.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE ADDRESS.

DEBATE CONTINUED.

The order of the day being called:

Consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's speech on the opening of the first session of the eleventh parliament.

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Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT.-- Most assuredly neither my hon. and esteemed friend and colleague beside me nor myself can at all complain of the courteous manner in which we were dealt with by the hon. leader of the opposition on the occasion of his remarks in respect of the address from the Throne. For myself I desire to say that it is a matter of very great regret to me personally that my hon. friend beside me should have seen fit to resign the position which he filled so long, so honourably and so well, and the best that I can hope for is that I may be able to discharge the duties of my present position half as acceptably to both sides of the House as my hon. friend did during the period of his incumbency. I take this occasion to state to the House that while I will endeavour on all occasions to do my utmost to uphold the dignity of this House and to discharge the duties of my present position, I am afraid I will have to ask the indulgence of both sides of the House in the matter of attending to the various committees of this Chamber. For various reasons, physical chiefly, I am sorry to say, I have been obliged to request my hon. friend on my right (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) to act as my representative on these occasions, and I dare say the House will be gainer and not the loser by the change. As regards the other wishes kindly expressed by my hon. friend opposite, that during the period of my incumbency, which he rather thought would be shorter than I expected, that I would be able to discharge my duties as well as my predecessor, I can only say that I am more generous than my hon. friend. So far as desiring that he should continue to occupy his present distinguished position for a short period, I trust most sincerely that he may long continue to occupy it in common with his associates in another place, and I may observe, without in the slightest degree desiring to disparage the way in which my hon. friend has discharged his duties here, that unless the gentlemen in another place considerably alter their methods and manners, I am inclined to think they are likely to continue to adorn the left hand of the Speaker there for a very considerable period of time to come.

My hon. friend traversed a very considerable deal of ground, and raised a good