

because parties were dissatisfied with the decision.

Mr. McDOUGALL (Renfrew) said that as it was so late in the Session they would only be able to make a partial investigation if a Committee were appointed, and, therefore, he would not feel justified in going into the matter now. However, he did not think the parties had had justice dealt out to them, whether intentionally or otherwise, by the arbitrators. With regard to the statement of the Premier that under no possible circumstances might they review a decision of the official arbitrators, he hoped that between this and the next meeting of the House the Government should have reason, on proper representation, to change the view they had taken on this subject.

The motion was withdrawn.

THE AGRICULTURAL INTEREST.

Mr. ORTON begged to move the adjournment of the House in order to place on record a very important matter in connection with the agricultural interests of the country.

Hon. Mr. HOLTON called attention to the fact that the hour for private business had expired.

Mr. MASSON said the hour for private business had passed ten minutes, and that a motion for adjournment was always in order.

Mr. SPEAKER—I have not called the hon. gentleman to order.

Mr. ORTON, in proceeding, said he desired to call attention to the action taken by the Agricultural Committee. He found by the report of that Committee that an immense amount of testimony had been given by gentlemen, both from Ontario and Quebec, and some from Nova Scotia, setting forth the views of the leading men in those Provinces, in regard to the agricultural interests of Canada. The Printing Committee had seen fit to decline publishing that evidence, which he thought was very weighty, coming as it did from the presidents and other officials of agricultural societies, or from leading members of the grange associations of the country. There was also the evidence of the leading millers of the country, and the Reeves of Township Councils, together with the views of large meetings of farmers, called for the purpose of answering questions which had been promulgated with a view to eliciting information necessary for the Committee to become possessed of. He would endeavour to give to the House a digest of that evidence.

Mr. YOUNG rose to a point of order. The hon gentleman was not speaking to the motion of adjournment, and he would ask if this was the proper time to discuss that report.

Mr. SPEAKER ruled that the hon. gentleman had not up to that point transgressed the rules of order.

Mr. ORTON then read the following summary of the evidence to which previous reference has been made:—