

had before remarked, these bills might be distributed at any moment, and he questioned the wisdom of adjourning for a week when such bills were looked for from day to day. Certainly the halls of Parliament were the best place for members to mature their minds for properly discharging their duties as legislators. He was constantly opposed to motions of this kind, and he hoped that the leader of the Government in this House would take the matter in his hands, and if he conceived that the public interests would not be prejudiced by the proposed adjournment, give expression to that opinion. Without such an expression, he for one would feel it his duty to oppose the motion

HON. SIR ALEX. CAMPBELL—said the hon. Senator opposite (Mr. Kaulbach) had made an appeal to him partly as leader of the House and partly because of the course which he had pursued in the debate on the Address. He was anxious on that occasion that the debate should close, in order, that he might introduce certain measures, which he did introduce in the course of that evening. The House was aware that after the introduction of bills it required a certain time to have them translated and printed, and if he had not brought in those measures on the day after the opening of the session there would have been a longer delay than was taking place in the translation and printing. By the course which he had pursued he had saved time and he expected that in two or three days these bills would be distributed. It was only in order to save time that he had requested the closing of the debate on the Address the day after the opening. The bills which he had introduced were in a much more advanced stage than any others had ever been at so early a period in the Session, so far as he knew, in the history of the House. Those bills were seven in number and were:—

To amend the Act respecting Insolvent Banks, Insurance Companies, and Trading Corporations.

Respecting County Court Judges.

Respecting Fugitive Offenders in Canada from other parts of Her Majesty's Dominions.

Respecting the Harbor and River Police of Canada.

To amend the Act 40 Vic: Cap. 30.

To continue in force the Act 43 Vic; Cap. 36.

To further amend the Seaman's Act of 1873.

These seven bills were all printed and ready in one language, and were introduced on Friday, the 10th instant, and he ventured to take credit for the Government for the prepared state of those measures at such an early period in the the session. Those were the bulk of the measures which were to be introduced by the Government, so that the complaint which had so often been made that bills were not introduced in this branch of the legislature was, to this extent—and it was a great extent—answered.

The bills this Session were introduced in the Senate first, as was the fact last Session. With reference to the complaint which had been made that these measures were not now before the House, the Government was in no way to blame for that. They had been introduced, printed in one language, and they had to be translated and printed in another language, and there was a difficulty about the marginal notes which had been got over, and the bills would be ready for distribution at as early a date as possible. This was the excuse (and he hoped the House would consider it a sufficient excuse) for the fact that the bills were not yet before the Chamber. With reference to the adjournment he might state that if the House continued in Session these bills would probably be distributed during the next two or three days, and he could only say that if they were not considered within the next two or three days, owing to the adjournment, the Session would not be prolonged. The business was in a very advanced stage, and he hoped the bills would be ready for the consideration of the House in two or three days. It was for the Senate to say whether they would adjourn, and, if so, for what time.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.