

to recommend the House to declare the seat vacant without taking any evidence and without giving the member an opportunity of saying that he really did conform himself to the law. If we follow that course we shall decide the case, in fact, without hearing the parties or taking any evidence. The hon. member from Richmond, who has had a vast deal of experience in those matters, while he would prefer that we should follow former precedents, does not desire to controvert the proceeding that we are taking—does not oppose it practically, though he is of opinion—it is very nearly a balance apparently—that it would be better for us to follow the precedents. As there does not seem to be any strong objection to the course which I suggest, and which I think would be so great an improvement on our making a declaration that the seat is vacant, I would like the Committee to adopt the motion that I have placed before them, if they are disposed to do so.

The motion was agreed to.

The Committee then adjourned.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at 3.30 p. m.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

HON. MR. O'DONOHUE gave notice that he would, to-morrow, move that when the House adjourns to-morrow it stand adjourned till the 26th instant. He said his reason for giving this notice was, that in the interval of five days, between the 20th and the 26th, there would be only two working days.

HON. MR. KAULBACH—I think my hon. friend's motion is entirely out of order. This is not the proper time to give such a notice, nor is it proper to make comments upon it now. I am prepared to contend that all of the hon. gentleman's arguments are fallacious.

HON. MR. MILLER—There is not sufficient notice.

THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

MOTION.

HON. M. ABBOTT moved the appointment of the Standing Committees, as follows:—

LIBRARY.

Hon. Messrs.

ALLAN,	MACINNES,
ALMON,	(Burlington),
BAILLARGEON,	MILLER,
BELLEROSE,	MURPHY,
BOTSFORD,	ODELL,
DEBOUCHERVILLE,	POIRIER,
DRUMMOND,	POWER,
GOWAN,	SCOTT,
HAYTHORNE,	WARK,
MCCLELAN,	

a committee to assist His Honour the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act on behalf of this House as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library.

PRINTING.

Hon. Messrs.

CASGRAIN,	MCKINDSEY,
DEVER,	MACFARLANE,
GIRARD,	OGLIVIE,
GOWAN,	PERLEY,
GUÉVREMONT,	PELLETIER,
HAYTHORNE,	POWER,
KAULBACH,	REED,
LOUGHEED,	VIDAL,
MCCLELAN,	WARK,

a committee to superintend the printing of this House during the present session, and be instructed to act on behalf of this House with the committee of the House of Commons as a Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of printing.

BANKING AND COMMERCE.

Hon. Messrs.

ABBOTT,	MACPHERSON
ALLAN,	(Sir David Lewis),
BELLEROSE,	MILLER,
BOTSFORD,	MONTPLAISIR,
BOYD,	MURPHY,
CARLING,	ODELL,
CHAFFERS,	PAQUET,
CLEMOW,	PRICE,
COCHRANE,	PROWSE,
DRUMMOND,	REID (Cariboo),
LEWIN,	ROBITAILLE,