

with regard to a certain proposition, that Hon. body had passed through three theatrical representations—first, tragedy, second, comedy, and lastly they had come to what might be called a farce. While he did not wish to reflect upon the hon. gentlemen who had submitted the motion, which was now before the House, he asked the Senate to consider the position in which it placed the Senate. When the Senate met after the opening, the desks were not in their places, and several hon. gentlemen who wished to speak on the subject of the Address, in reply to the Speech from the Throne—hon. gentlemen who were most respected by this House, and who had important statements to make—were unable to do so. The leader of the Senate had stated that they must go on with the debate, because he had some important measures to introduce, and when the debate was closed that hon. gentleman did lay on the table four bills. Where were those bills? They had never been printed or placed in the hands of hon. gentlemen. Although the debate on the Address had been closed before many hon. gentlemen were in a position to take part in it, the Senate had been sitting since, from day to day, without having a solitary bill before it. A more prodigious farce had never been witnessed than had been enacted by the leader of this House, but it was in keeping with the manner in which the affairs of the Senate had been conducted by him. The Senate had been made simply a laughing-stock through the country. Where could any one see, in a single newspaper in this country, any report of the debates in this Chamber? The hon. gentleman had been the means of inspiring this House to stop the publication of the debates in the newspapers, and not one single person in Canada could say what transpired in the Upper House. Was that the way to conduct the affairs of the Senate of the Dominion, composed of seventy-six gentlemen of large commercial experience; men who had left their homes at great sacrifice to come here and discharge important duties in the interest of the country—that all their efforts should be completely nullified by the course pursued by the leader of the Government in this House? It was time to speak out. Would the Senate allow itself to be made a laughing-stock before the country? It

would be strange indeed if hon. gentlemen did not rise and express their desire that another mode of conducting the proceedings of this House should be adopted.

HON. MR. KAULBACH did not quite agree with his hon. friend who had just spoken, in attributing all the delay which had occurred to the leader of the Government in this House. He (Sir Alexander Campbell), had introduced four important bills worthy of careful consideration by every member of the Senate, and he presumed it was not the fault of that hon. gentleman that they were not on the papers yet. However, they might be expected at any moment. They were bills which would occupy a great deal of time, and would require careful consideration. Such measures, initiated in the Senate, would receive, and ought to receive more than ordinary care in the consideration of them, and for that reason, if no other, the leader of the House, who had these bills in his charge, and who controlled the legislation of this Chamber, should state whether he considered in the interests of the country that this adjournment should take place. Some two or three years ago the hon. gentleman had assumed that position and it was reasonable to suppose that the precedent then established would be followed, thus obviating the necessity of this annual debate; which, he was sure, must be very unpleasant to every member of the House. He (Mr. Kaulbach) thought that the legislation of the Session would be better prosecuted by having no adjournment. At the opening of the Session it had been thought proper not to prolong the debate on the Address. In Nova Scotia, which had an older legislature than Canada itself, it was the custom if there was anything to criticize in the policy of the Government, to refer to it in the debate upon the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, but he supposed that this Government were so strong that opposition to them could not do much good, and consequently it was useless to criticise the Speech from the Throne. He concurred in the opinion of the hon. Senator from Woodstock (Mr. Alexander) that the Senate had had very little to do this Session. It was not the fault of the Government, because they had introduced important measures at the very earliest opportunity; but as he