

HON. MR. POWER—I have fairly good authority for saying so. My informant is one of the Ministry. Perhaps the hon. member from Lunenburg has something later and more authoritative. I think that the speech made by the hon. gentleman is one that we are all familiar with. We have heard it already twice this Session, and at least twice every Session for some years. The only new thing that appeared in his speech is the fact that the committee of which he is chairman would be interfered with to some extent by the proposed adjournment. With the exception of that reference, the hon. gentleman might as well have said: "If hon. members will refer to my speech, made a month ago, at the last adjournment, they will see my sentiments." It would have saved time and covered the ground just as effectually. Take my own case. I am like a good many other members who come from a distance. I have been here nearly two and a-half months attending to the public business whenever there was any to be attended to. Easter is at hand, and we propose to adjourn as usual. Now, the question is whether the adjournment at Easter will be made so that it will suit members who live at a distance from the capital or not. Hon. gentlemen who live comparatively near Ottawa should show a little consideration for the convenience of those who live a little distance away.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—No.

HON. MR. POWER—The hon. gentleman from Prince Edward Island says "No."

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—I say, no.

HON. MR. POWER—This is a free country, and people are at liberty to express their opinions. It so happens that the hon. gentleman from Prince Edward Island would not go home no matter how long the recess was. As for the hon. member from Lunenburg, his home at present really is in Montreal, and not in Lunenburg; therefore, he is not anxious that we should have a long adjournment. If I thought that the public business would suffer owing to this adjournment I should not support the motion, but I do not think it will suffer. There is not the slightest possibility that Parliament will be prorogued before the 1st of May, so that at the very lowest and most moderate calcu-

lation we shall have at least three weeks to transact whatever business may come before us. Any gentleman who has noticed the vast amount of work done during the last week of the Session by this House will understand that we will have no difficulty in dealing with any business that may come before us during the three weeks that must elapse after the close of this adjournment. The object in selecting Thursday is to enable gentlemen from Manitoba to reach their homes by Sunday. With respect to the vast amount of work which the hon. gentleman has given us to understand we have before us, I contend he is quite mistaken. There is only one Order for to-morrow—that is, Committee of the Whole House on the Adulteration Bill. The business of the committees is very well up. There are almost no Bills before the committees and the public business will not suffer at all owing to this adjournment. I hope that hon. gentlemen who live comparatively near the capital and who have had several opportunities during the Session to visit their homes will not now deal in a niggardly or churlish spirit with those who live some distance away.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—I think I might pay the hon. member from Halifax the same compliment that he paid the hon. gentleman from Lunenburg, because I think we have heard similar sentiments from his lips on other occasions.

HON. MR. POWER—Never; this is the first time that I have spoken in the same direction.

HON. MR. HAYTHORNE—With the exception that on other occasions he did not differ so far from me. I think we should not have long adjournments. As to the fairness of accommodating gentlemen who live a distance from the capital, such considerations should not enter into the votes given by the members of this House. We are sent here to attend to the public business, and for no other purpose. And when we begin to weigh the cost and inconvenience which different members will suffer personally, I say we are departing from our proper duty. I was anxious to hear from the leader of the Government what his view was with regard to this adjournment, because I presume that whatever the Government approve of will necessarily be carried. I have a recollection that when