

**Mr. OUIMET** said that they had a few more questions to put to the witness, and as some time would be necessary to prepare them, and the House were anxious to deal fairly with the question, they would, he supposed, be willing to adjourn the examination. He would therefore move, seconded by **Mr. MASSON**, that the examination of witnesses be adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock, and that the witness be required to then attend in the House.—Carried.

**Mr. BOWELL** moved, seconded by **Mr. SCHULTZ**, that the policeman McVeity, of the city of Ottawa, be summoned to appear tomorrow at three o'clock at the bar of the House, to be examined in the matter of the warrant for the arrest of Louis Riel, and to bring such warrant with him.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** said that they had no evidence that such a policeman or such a warrant existed. They had it in evidence this afternoon that a warrant was issued in Manitoba. This document was not on the table. It was therefore impossible that it could be in the hands of this policeman, and they had no evidence whatever that any warrant had been issued or that such existed.

**Hon. Mr. CAMERON (Cardwell)** said there could be no objection to the policeman being examined. He might have a warrant, and a member of the House stated he required the evidence of a witness whom he named. He was not required to do anything else.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** said no charge had been made. Someone ought to take the responsibility of formulating one, so that they should not be calling witnesses in this loose way from all parts of the country, or else of basing an enquiry upon papers placed upon the table.

**Hon. Mr. CAMERON (Cardwell)** said that he had had no communication with the hon. member for Hastings North (Mr. Bowell) as to what he intended to do, but as far as he had gone he had pursued exactly the same course that had been followed in other cases in England—among others, the Sadler case. Upon reaching a certain stage of the case a certain course would have to be pursued. That stage had not yet been reached.

The motion was then carried.

**Mr. BOWELL** moved, seconded by **Mr. SCHULTZ**, that Louis Riel, member for Provencher, do attend in his place in this House tomorrow at 3 o'clock.—Carried.

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#### RETURNS

**Hon. Mr. BURPEE (St. John - City & County)** laid on the table the Trade and Navigation Returns for last year.

**Hon. Mr. LAIRD** laid on the table the Inland Revenue returns for last year.

#### MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** moved the Easter adjournment of the House.

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#### THE RECESS

**Mr. DYMOND** said that before the motion was put perhaps Mr. Speaker would allow him to ask his hon. friend at the head of the Government whether he could give members some idea of the length of the Easter recess. He would take the liberty of saying, without desiring to inconvenience the hon. gentlemen who came from a greater distance than himself, that it would be agreeable to many with whom Good Friday was a day of religious observance to arrive at home on Thursday evening, and therefore not to meet on Thursday. Many hon. gentlemen felt it their duty, if possible, to attend the vestry meetings of one denomination held on Easter, Monday evening and they would accordingly desire not to leave home again till Tuesday. (*Hear, hear.*)

It was not for him, as a very young member, to urge his own wishes upon the House, and he only threw out the suggestion in order to elicit the opinions of members, believing that his hon. friend would gladly listen to wishes that might be generally expressed on the subject. (*Hear, hear.*)

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** said no suggestion had been made to him, and he was not aware that any had been made to his colleagues on the subject. It was the desire of the Government to consult the convenience of the House, and they would respect any opinion the House might express with regard to it.

**Hon. Mr. CAMERON (Cardwell)** said perhaps the hon. gentleman would inform the House tomorrow what the Government would do.

**Hon. Mr. HOLTON** suggested an adjournment until Tuesday evening at 7.30.

**Right Hon. Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD** pointed out that Thursday was a holiday of the Catholic members of the Ministry. The next day was Good Friday, and the next day following upon which the House could sit was Easter Monday, a statutory holiday. He thought it would be better to adjourn until Wednesday. A meeting at half-past seven o'clock on Tuesday evening would not answer any purpose. Those members who arrived on Wednesday morning would be placed at a disadvantage.

**Mr. YOUNG** thought the matter should be looked at partly from the point of view of those members who came from distant parts of the Dominion, who could not go home during the adjournment. He thought the recess should be made as short as possible, particularly as warm weather was coming on.

**Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE** said the Government would endeavour to ascertain the wishes of hon. gentlemen generally before 3 o'clock tomorrow.