stances, I do not see why we should change the rule which was adopted. The hon. member who made this motion, I did not give any truly valuable reasons to induce the House to contradict itself, and to rescind the rule which now forms part of the regulations of this House. The question of salary, which is really a very small salary, owing to the permanent duties of this officer, cannot be an important matter for this House, for, after all, two thousand dollars are not a large sum for an officer who is bound to be constantly here, and to preside at all the committees of the whole House, aside from the fact stated by the hon. Premier, that this officer is obliged, in order to properly discharge his duties, to study the rules of the House, in the same manner as you study them, Mr. Speaker, in order to preside as you do at the proceedings of this House. Therefore, I do not see why we should change the practice of this House. On the contrary, I hope, that this House, desirous to see order and harmony prevailing in our proceedings, will maintain the position which was taken during the two last Sessions, and will not vote for the motion of the hon. member for Brome (Mr. Fisher), but will be willing to assist you in your duties as Speaker, by making it possible for you to leave the Chair with a certainty of having, to fill your place during your absence, a member familiar with the rules of the House, and who, on this account will be respected by the members. Mr. Speaker, I will say no more, I thought it my duty on this occasion to use my mother tongue, in order that those hon. members who do not understand the English language as well as the French language, might be posted on the question now before the House.

House divided on motion of Mr. Fisher (p. 296):

YEAS:

Messieurs

Armstrong,	Dessaint,	McMullen,
Bain (Wentworth),	Edgar,	Mallory,
Beausoleil,	Edwards,	Mills (Bothwell),
Béchard,	Eisenhauer,	Mitchell,
Bernier,	Ellis,	Mulock,
Blake,	Fiset,	Paterson (Brant),
Borden,	Fisher,	Platt,
Bourassa,	Gauthier,	Préfontaine,
Bowman,	Geoffrion,	Purcell,
Brien,	Gillmor,	Rinfret,
Burdett,	Guay,	Robertson(King's, P E I),
Campbell (Kent),	Holton,	Robertson (Shelburne),
Campbell (Renfrew),	Innes,	Ste. Marie,
Cartwright (Sir Rich'd)	Jones,	Scriver,
Casey,	Kirk,	Semple,
Casgrain,	Landerkin,	Somerville,
Charlton,	Lang,	Trow,
Cimon,	Lavergne,	Turcot,
Clayes,	Livingston,	Watson,
Cook,	Lovitt,	Weldon (St. John),
Davies,	Macdonald (Huron),	Welsh, and
De St. Georges,	McMillan (Huron),	Wilson (Elgin).—66.

NAYS:

Messieurs

Audet,	Guilbault,	Porter,
Bain (Soulanges),	Guillet,	Putnam,
Bergeron,	Hale,	Reid,
Bergin,	Haggart,	Riopel,
Bowell,	Hall,	Robertson (Hastings),
Boyle,	Hesson,	Robillard,
Brown,	Hickey,	Roome,
Bryson,	Hudspeth,	Ross,
Burns,	Jamieson,	Rykert,
Cameron,	Kenny,	Scarth,
Campbell (Digby),	Kirkpatrick,	Shakespeare,
Cargill,	Labelle,	Shanly,
Carling,	Landry,	Small,
Carpenter,	Langevin (Sir Hector),	Smith (Sir Donald),
Caron, (Sir Adolphe),	Macdonald (Sir John),	Smith (Ontario),
Chapleau,	MacDowall,	Sproule,
Chisholm,	McCarthy,	Stevenson,
Cockburn,	McCulla,	Taylor,
Coulombe,	McDonald (Victoria),	Temple,
Coursol,	McDougall (C. Breton)	Thérien,
Couture,	McKay,	Thompson,
Curran,	McKeen,	Tisdale,
Daly,	McLelan,	Tupper (Sir Charles),
Davin,	McMillan (Vaudreuil),	Tupper (Pictou),
Davies,	McNeill,	Tyrwhitt,
Dawson,	Madill,	Vanasse,
Denison,	Mara,	Wallace,
Desjardins,	Marshall,	Weldon (Albert),
Duchesnay,	Masson,	White (Cardwell),
Dupont,	Mills (Annapolis),	White (Renfrew),
Ferguson(Leeds&Gren.),	Moncreiff,	Wilmot,
Ferguson (Welland),	Montague,	Wilson (Argenteuil),
Foster,	Montplaisir,	Wilson (Lennox),
Freeman,	O'Brien,	Wood (Brockville),
Girouard,	Perley (Ottawa),	Wood (West'land), and
Gordon,	Pope,	Wright.—109.
Grandbois,		

Mr. GRANDBOIS. Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Laprairie (Mr. Doyon) has voted and I have in my hand a note from the hon. member for Gaspé (Mr. Joncas) stating that he has paired with him for to-night.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Explain, explain.

Mr. DOYON. It is true the hon. member for Gaspé, when he left asked me if I should vote. I told him that I thought of leaving myself. I forgot the thing; I did not think I had paired. If it is considered as such I am prepared to withdraw my vote. It was not a private conversation; it was merely while passing here.

Mr. SPEAKER. Does the hon. member for Laprairie (Mr. Doyon) say that he has paired or that he has not paired?

Mr. FISET. He does not say that he has paired.

Mr. DOYON. Mr. Speaker, I do not wish that there should be a misunderstanding. The hon. member for Gaspé (Mr. Joncas) was passing here, and he asked me if I was going to vote. I said : "No; I think I am going to leave." He said further: "If I should stop here, necessarily, I should vote with the Government." I said: "As for me, I should vote against them." He said: "All right, I am going away." From that I do not understand that I had paired.

Mr. GRANDBOIS. I must say this : That the hon. member for Gaspé (Mr. Joncas) only left on the express condition that the member for Laprairie should not vote.

Mr. FISET. How does it happen——

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. SPEAKER. If the hon. member for Laprairie says that he has paired, and desires to withdraw his vote, I believe that the practice in this case is to allow a member present in the House to abstain from voting, or, if he votes, to withdraw his vote. But if he does not say that he has not paired, and does not wish to withdraw his vote, the Speaker cannot interfere.

Mr. DOYON. So that there should not be any misunderstanding, I prefer to withdraw my vote.

Motion negatived.

RETURN AND GAZETTING OF MEMBERS.

On the Order, to refer the return laid upon the Table of the House by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, relating to the return and gazetting of members, to the Committee on Privileges and Elections to make enquiry into the conduct of certain returning officers and the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, &c. (Mr. Mills, Bothwell).

Mr. BLAKE. The Order which has just been called is one upon which there will be considerable talk. My hon. friend will make a statement, and there will be speeches by