

He said :—I have heard that the government have issued permits for liquor to be taken into the Yukon territory and sold. I ask this question for the purpose of ascertaining the facts on that point. There is a very strong feeling all over the western part of Canada against either the local or the Dominion government sanctioning the sale of liquors in the Yukon territory. I regret to learn, however, that the government of the North-west Territories has sent an official into the Yukon country for the purpose of taking control of the sale of liquor in that part of the Territories. There seems to be a difference of opinion as to which government has jurisdiction over the sale of liquor in that part of Canada. I have heard that a certain gentleman has received a permit from the Dominion government. That is in conflict with the opinion which prevails in the local government on that matter, and it is for the purpose of getting correct information on the subject that I ask this question.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—No permit to take spirituous liquors into the Yukon country has been issued to Chamberland. Permits, however, have been issued to William Chambers and other parties. This is the answer which has been sent me by the Minister of the Interior.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—Who is this Mr. Chambers and where does he reside?

Hon. Mr. MILLS—I cannot say.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—Is Mr. Chambers a Manitoba man?

Hon. Mr. MILLS—I cannot tell the hon. gentleman. I have read the whole of the answer put in my hands in reply to this question.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—It is a matter of no importance where he resides. I merely wanted to know the fact.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—I will make further inquiry for the information of the hon. gentleman.

#### A PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT.

Hon. Mr. DEBOUCHERVILLE—Is it the intention of the government to have an adjournment of this House?

Hon. Mr. MILLS—The government in that respect are in the hands of the House.

If an adjournment is desired the government will give effect to the wishes of the House.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—It has been intimated to me by quite a number of senators that, as there is very little business to be transacted for a week or two, it might be as well to adjourn. Of course, we have to consult the interests of the government, so far as their measures are concerned, but if an adjournment is to take place it should be of such a character, if it will not interfere with the public business, as to enable those who live at a distance to reach their homes and spend a few days there before they return.

Hon. Mr. PROWSE—There has been an agitation for some years in this House to get the government to introduce some of their important measures in the Senate and thus expedite public business. An adjournment at the present time would be of little benefit to members from the maritime provinces. It would be much more convenient for us to have an adjournment later in the session. There should be enough work to keep us occupied here for a month to come, and then if there are no measures to be discussed we might adjourn for a week or two.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—I agree with the hon. gentleman that, as far as possible, the measures of the government should be introduced in the Senate so that the business of legislation may go on simultaneously in both Houses. There are many measures which, as the hon. gentleman knows, from their nature cannot be introduced here, but as far as we can we shall this session endeavour to meet the views which the hon. gentleman has expressed.

The Senate then adjourned.

#### THE SENATE.

*Ottawa, Thursday, 17th February, 1898.*

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'Clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

#### THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC IN THE YUKON DISTRICT.

NOTICE OF MOTION AMENDED.

Hon. Mr. PERLEY—I wish to give notice that I will ask to amend the notice of mo-