

that in Great Britain the Sovereign does as a rule, or very frequently, delegate the adjournment of the House, where such a thing occurs, to commissioners equivalent to our deputy governor.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I am not questioning that; but that has not been the practice here.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—The English practice, of course, is the practice by which we govern ourselves, and His Excellency represents the Sovereign you will remember, and is, I think, justified in doing as the Sovereign would do in like cases. But there are two sides to this question, and one side is this: to a certain extent it suits our convenience very often much more to deal with the deputy governor than it does to deal with the Governor. I would hardly have liked to ask the governor to come here to-day at five o'clock, as I did not scruple to ask the deputy governor, and then tell him to go back and take off his uniform and appear at nine o'clock, as we are doing with my excellent friend, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick. We must remember that in the cases of adjournment more particularly, and just such a case as has occurred here, it is rather our convenience that is consulted than anything else in making these arrangements. Then there is another thing. These adjournments certainly, and sometimes a prorogation, are very uncertain quantities. We could not tell His Excellency probably when the business would be through or whether we would be prepared to adjourn, Friday, Monday or Tuesday. We did not know ourselves until within the last 24 hours, and he made his arrangements accordingly. We could not keep him here, nor did we at all suggest that he should be kept here. When His Excellency appears in person, there is a certain amount of state and ceremonial, and—though that is a bagatelle—certain expenditures incurred, and guards and others have to be called out, if the thing is done in due form and state; and for these reasons I have always felt, in the matter of adjournment, a great deal more ground for license can be taken, asked or given than in the case of prorogation, and much more

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of course than a meeting of parliament when the function is always duly attended to. One thing I can assure the House, and the hon. member from Halifax—the last thing the Governor General would desire would be to show any discourtesy to either House of parliament, whether the Senate or the House of Commons. That I am perfectly certain is entirely removed from his intention or desire.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I quite understand that.

Rt. Hon. Sir RICHARD CARTWRIGHT—No man is more anxious than the Governor General to do two things, one to make himself as thoroughly acquainted as he can with every part of Canada, and with the whole condition of Canada; and the other, as far as in him lies to strengthen by all means in his power the connection between ourselves and the mother country. My opinion as regards the Governor General has always been that he has a two-fold function to perform; one to represent the Sovereign, and to perform the ceremonial functions to which my hon. friend has alluded, but he is also in a very practical degree the ambassador of the people of England to the people of Canada, and I must say I think Lord Grey has done his best to make himself persona grata to our people in that way. No Governor General—although they have all been good in that respect—within my memory, and it goes over pretty nearly all of them who have held office here for the last 50 years, has ever taken more pains to become personally acquainted, as I have said, with every portion of this great Dominion of ours, and I do not think any one in leaving our shores entertained a higher idea of the potentialities and the resources and the probable ultimate destiny of the people of Canada than Lord Grey.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I am very glad to know that there is one gentleman in the Senate who has the courage to call the attention of the Senate to what he has considered, and what I must confess I consider—I will not say discourteous, because I am sure His Excellency never intended it,—to be a departure from the duty and the functions of his office. I do