

There may be measures which can be introduced and calmly considered by the Senate who have plenty of time to look after them before the rush of business from the other House, and it would be well if it could be done, that the principle which was carried out while I had the honour of sitting on that side of the House should be adopted to as great and possibly a greater extent. I am quite sure hon. gentlemen will agree with me.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I quite approve of the suggestion made by my hon. friend. He will have noticed, however, in reading the Speech from the Throne that no mention was made of any important measure.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—There is none.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—There will be very few government measures this session. There is one which I have myself in view, a very important one, and if it can be got ready it will be introduced in this chamber, and I have another one in view. I cannot name them yet, because circumstances prevent my doing so. However, I shall be only too glad if my colleagues will give me the opportunity to introduce those measures here.

Hon. Mr. WOOD (Hamilton)—As to the adjournment, the hon. Secretary of State proposes to reassemble two weeks from next Tuesday. Considering the way they are going forward in the House of Commons, I do not think it is at all likely that there will be a great deal of business two weeks hence. Many of us have large businesses to look after, and I think it is important we should have at least three weeks adjournment.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—No.

Hon. Mr. WOOD (Hamilton)—Several hon. gentlemen live long distances from Ottawa and would not care to go home if we had only two weeks. If the adjournment were for three weeks, these members would have time to go home and return, and I am quite satisfied that at the end of that time there would be business for them to do and it would be discharged

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promptly instead of sitting around here with nothing to do.

Hon. Mr. O'DONOHUE—The adjournment was three weeks last year, and as my hon. friend from Hamilton states, several members are at such a distance from home that two weeks would barely give them time to go and come, and probably when we did return there would be very little to do and I think it would answer all purposes if when we rise to-morrow we stand adjourned till three weeks from Tuesday.

THE SENATE DEBATES.

Hon. Mr. ELLIS—I would like to ask a question with regard to the reporting of the debates of the House. I do not intend to refer to the reporters themselves in any way, but on Monday last there was an important debate in the House. This is Thursday and there is no report of it before members, and I think it important that the debates of the Senate, if possible at all, should be got out early, because the press makes very little reference to the proceedings of this body and it is a greater reason, therefore, why the debates of the Senate should be printed promptly. I do not know what the practice is, and I think we ought to do better, particularly with the greater facilities now in existence, and by reason of the fact that we have all sorts of machinery now to spread intelligence rapidly, and therefore the House should have its debates before it early.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I have found it somewhat extraordinary that no provision is made for the reporting of the speeches which are made in French in this chamber. We do not sit quite as long as the House of Commons. I may say that we do not sit more than five or six or seven weeks in this chamber and it seems to me, that without indulging in the luxury of a high paid official, such as they have in the other chamber, we might make provision for the reporting of the French speeches as they are made in that language.

The Senate adjourned.