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The Hon. H. B. FITZ said he had to bring a matter under the notice of honorable gentlemen in reference to which the Postmaster-General, as representing the Government, would perhaps take some action. Several honorable members had spoken to him on this matter, and he thought it was one which demanded immediate attention: it was the providing of a shed for their buggies. He thought it was a very great inconvenience to honorable members—and he should have to drive himself, soon, and should feel it, too—that they had to leave their buggies out in the rain or sun, exposed to the weather. Perhaps this matter more properly belonged to the Parliamentary Buildings Committee.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL: Hear, hear.

The Hon. H. B. FITZ: But, in order that action should be taken, the honorable gentleman should bring the matter before that committee. But a short time ago, he had seen the carriage of the honorable gentleman administering the Government, who had to attend at the Council, standing out in the wet; also, that of the Chief Justice, Captain Simpson's, and others'. There were other honorable members who would be driving in on their parliamentary duties, and some accommodation of the nature required should be provided. What was everybody's business appeared to be nobody's, and so the matter was not attended to. On the last day of the meeting of the Standing Orders Committee, it was spoken about by several honorable members.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL said he thought the proper course would be to bring the matter before the Parliamentary Buildings Committee; or, if the honorable gentleman would write to him setting forth his request, he should be very happy to bring it before the committee.

The Hon. Mr. FITZ did not think an individual member should put himself forward in that way, and he was reluctant to do so. The Honorable Mr. Harris was a member of

the Parliamentary Buildings Committee, and as he was now present in the House, perhaps he would take action in the matter.

The Hon. H. G. SIMPSON said he spoke as a sufferer in the same way as the Honorable Mr. Fitz—

The Hon. H. B. FITZ: He was not a sufferer yet.

The Hon. H. G. SIMPSON: He felt it very inconvenient, indeed, to be obliged, after driving from home, to leave his buggy out in the sun and wind and rain, behind the Parliament House. The consequence of his having to do so was, that in the course of eighteen months he should have to buy a new buggy. He could mention that other honorable members experienced inconvenience equally with himself. Captain Whish had to drive a long way from his home, to attend the House; he lived out of town, and he had to leave his buggy, here, exposed to the weather. The matter was very trifling, and for an expenditure of about £15 the inconvenience would be obviated.

The Hon. H. B. FITZ observed, further, that he thought some man ought to have the duty assigned to him of looking after honorable members' horses. Honorable gentlemen gave their time to the public, for which they got nothing; and he thought there ought to be some one in attendance at the stables. He knew they had to go out, after the business of the House was over, and look after their own horses. There should be somebody to take charge of them, and to attend to them.

The Hon. G. HARRIS suggested that the Honorable Mr. Fitz should move a resolution to the effect stated. It would receive attention.

The Hon. Mr. FITZ said, if it were the wish of honorable members that he should do so, he would give notice of motion on the next sitting day.