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Agent-General.

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The PREMIER moved—

That this House will, at its next sitting, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider the desirableness of introducing a Bill to make further provisions for the Office of Agent-General, and to provide for the appointment of a Board of Advice in London, as recommended in His Excellency's Message of 2nd November.

Mr. PALMER said he had hoped that at this late period of the session the Government would not have introduced any more Bills, because there was no necessity for forcing measures through the House. He hoped, therefore, the Government would not press this matter; if they did, he could promise them they would be making the session a good deal longer than they now supposed. A Bill like this, referring to the Agent-General at home, could not expedite the public business at all, and it was an unfair advantage the Government were taking of the House to bring forward such a Bill at a time when members were fagged out. He would not call for a division, but he advised the Government to think of what they were doing, and not introduce Bills of this sort at this period of the session.

The PREMIER said he made the House a promise at the beginning of the session that the Bill should be brought in, and he was now only anxious to keep that promise that honorable members and the Press might discuss it; but he had no idea of taking the Bill beyond its second reading this session, and he was only adopting a course that had often been adopted with other Bills.

Question put and passed.