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Sir HENRY SMITH complained that in consequence of the member for Oxford rising after six o'clock, the rules of the house in that respect had been infringed on—which hon. gentleman should be careful not to commence. Hereafter, he (Sir Henry) would insist strictly on the rule. If they were going to adjourn there was no use in continuing the debate at that hour. When the subject was fairly before the house he would support the Government, having considered the matter very fully.

The house then rose—it being a quarter past six o'clock.

After recess,

The order being read for the house to go into committee on the resolutions respecting a Consolidated Revenue Fund,

Mr. McKELLAR said, before the Speaker left the chair, he desired to make a few observations.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD.—Are you to make a motion?

Mr. McKELLAR.—Yes They had been desirous on his side of the house not to embarrass the Government, and had asked them—what he thought was a most reasonable thing—to delay the discussion of these resolutions, until the house was in possession of information which would enable it to form an intelligent judgment upon them. The Government had denied that reasonable request, and it therefore became the duty of himself and his hon. friends who agreed with him, to offer their reasons for such opposition to the resolutions as they had to make at this stage. While they rejoiced that the Government was in possession of what they said was a very large sum of money, they were very much surprised to find that one of the first things the Government proposed to do was to engage in the business of money-lenders. They held that that was not one of the functions of the Government. The hon. gentlemen on the Treasury benches proposed to lend \$500,000 or \$600,000 of the moneys of the Province to the Government of the Dominion. They said it would be safe—that the stock of the Dominion was the safest investment we could get. He did not deny that it would be a safe investment. But he did not see on what principle we should be asked to take from the Ottawa Government their Dominion stock when we ought to have the ready cash. He held that if the Province had moneys, not required for its immediate purposes, it would be much better employed in the hands of our own banks, than if invested in Dominion stock.

Hon. J. S. McDONALD — ironically—
Hear! hear!

Mr. McKELLAR said he understood from his remarks yesterday, that the Attorney-General did not consider that an investment in the banks of Upper Canada would be safe. He (Mr. McKellar) believed there were no banks in any country that were safer than those we had in the Province of Ontario; and he thought it ill became the hon. gentleman to make any observations that would cast discredit on these institutions, or create distrust in the public mind regarding them. (Hear, hear). He thought what money we had, not immediately required, might be very