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Hon. J. S. McDONALD said it would be better to move that the Speaker do not now leave the chair, but that it be received that the estimates should be brought down before the recolutions were considered.

Mr. McKELLAR said that might perhaps be a better form for the amendment to take. He would therefore move :—

mittee on the resolutions until the estimates of the sums required for the public service be brought down."

Hon. J. S. McDONALD said the house at last had a motion from the opposition-a statement of the basis and platform on which they desired to oppose the Government,-They took issue with the Government on its proposition to deal with the sum of money coming to them in the way of subsidy, which was not required by the immediate exigencies of the public service, -not by placing it in the banks, with which they would have to drive a hard bargain to get three or four per cent -but by investing it at aix per cent in the best security which the Government of the Daminion could offer. He was glad that the opposition had at last exhibited the cloven foot, that they had exhibited themselves as the champions of the Banks, against the farmers, mechanics, and working-men, on the pretence this shey desired to advance the commercial