

atchewan four, Alberta four and British Columbia three. By this Act the number will be increased to 24. Now, is it the intent to make that increase at one fell blow, or progressively according to development, or from time to time? I do not know.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Does my hon. friend mean the additional nine?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Yes.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Those provinces are entitled to the additional nine on the basis of their population alone, also on the basis of their interest and importance. Surely no hon. gentleman in this Chamber will deny for a moment that the province of Manitoba is entitled to six senators, and likewise the province of Saskatchewan, which is very much larger than Manitoba, and likewise the province of Alberta. My hon. friend the leader of the Opposition will not deny that his own province is surely entitled to six members. That representation should be given at once, and hon. gentlemen on the opposite side of the House should not hesitate for a moment to say 'We will expedite the representation of those provinces in this Chamber in every possible way.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—My hon. friend is absolutely wrong in the point of view he takes.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That may be your opinion, but it is not the opinion of the West, and not the opinion of the House of Commons either.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I submit it to my hon. friend's judgment. He says that those provinces are so large and influential as to be entitled to the representation right away. His basis is not the constitutional one, because the Senate was not organized on the population basis; it was organized on the American system which allows two senators for the state of New York and two senators for Rhode Island. When I look at the reason why this Senate was organized, I think that the point of view of my hon. friend, constitutionally speaking, is wrong, because population is not the basis. That was not what actuated me in putting the question. I simply wanted to know what was the policy of the Government, or if my hon. friend expressed that policy; that is all; because even if there were half the number of senators there are to-day, I would not object to the increase because of the fact

that they would have a smaller population. Population is not the basis.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—My hon. friend's own Government expressed in the Provincial Acts of Saskatchewan and Alberta, and made provision in those Acts that upon the census of 1911 being taken, increased representation would be given to those two provinces.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I know that perfectly.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—If that be the case, those two provinces were entitled to the increased representation upon the completion of the census, and the argument is infinitely stronger as to why British Columbia and Manitoba should have increased representation. They are older provinces, and have a greater claim than the two provinces to which I have alluded. The late Government of the hon. gentleman's friends placed on the statute-book the declaration that they were entitled two years ago to that representation.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—My question is not a contentious one, and I do not intend to dissent from the view of my hon. friend. I was simply asking him if it was the policy of the Government—because it is a question of policy—to bring the increased representation of the Senate from the West to its full figure of twenty-four when the Imperial Parliament has acted; and my hon. friend says, yes, that that is the policy of the Government. Now another question with the permission of the leader of the Government: when are those increases, by the ordinary practice, made to this Chamber? Are they made at the same time? Do they run on the same lines as the increase of representation in the other Chamber? When is the occasion of the increase in the Senate?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That, I would say, would be within the discretion of the Government. Neither the present Government nor the late Government was recklessly fast in appointing senators to vacancies, and I am not prepared to say, if the Government had the authority, when they would appoint them.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I am not speaking of this present case; I am rather speaking of the tradition. Does not this increase in senatorial representation run concurrently with the increased representation in the other House?