

24 from that province in this House. The different provinces of the Northwest Territories, represented by 11 senators, have three members on the committee, the province of Ontario 2, the maritime provinces 3. But there are two in Nova Scotia and none in New Brunswick. I ask the hon. leader of the government to do justice to the different provinces. The province of Quebec should have two members at least, like the province of Ontario, and if the hon. gentleman wants to give a larger proportion to the provinces of the west we have no objection. But I think, in all fairness, the representation should be adjusted differently. Last year the hon. minister made that motion. I objected to it, and he was good enough to meet the objection by striking out one or two names, giving a fairer representation to the province of Quebec. I suggest that the Hon. Mr. Beique be named in the place of Mr. Power. The province of Nova Scotia has two representatives, Hon. Mr. Miller and the Hon. Mr. Poirier. Mr. Power was added to the list because the present Speaker having been appointed to the chair, his place was taken by the Speaker of last year. That might do from one point of view, but not from another, because it is doing an injustice to the province of Quebec. I suggest that the list be further amended by striking out the names of the Hon. Mr. Power and the Hon. Mr. Watson, because there are three members from the Northwest, and substitute the names of the Hon. Mr. Beique and the Hon. Mr. Ellis. I am asking in all fairness to the province of Quebec for a better distribution of members on the striking committee.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—I had not heard any fault found with the striking committee last year. I understood they performed their duties fairly well, and to-day I counted the number of gentlemen from Quebec and Ontario, on the important committee, the Railway Committee, and I found each of those provinces had fourteen on that committee. I had not been aware that there would be any criticism on the composition of the committee and I should prefer leaving it as it is. The Hon. Mr. Power has left the chamber. If he were here I should ask him to withdraw. If it is the feeling of the House to substitute the Hon. Mr. Beique for the Hon. Mr. Power, I should be glad

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to do it. Mr. Power having been one of the oldest members of the House and Speaker for the last four years, it naturally occurred to me to change places and put the Hon. Mr. Power on the committee.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—You are giving to Nova Scotia the place belonging to Quebec.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Well I did not consider that. I thought the nine gentlemen named would act fairly. It has not been pointed out in the past that they acted unfairly. In order to convince myself I took the trouble to count the number last year on the Railway Committee, and found fourteen from each province. We might make the one change if the House desires it.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Substitute the Hon. Mr. Beique for Hon. Mr. Power and Hon. Mr. Ellis in place of Hon. Mr. Watson.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—The Hon. Mr. Watson has been an active member of that committee.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Well there are three members from the Northwest. However, if we cannot get the full loaf, let us take a half a loaf. So the hon. gentleman will substitute the name of the Hon. Mr. Beique for that of the Hon. Mr. Power.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned.

SENATE.

Ottawa, Wednesday, January 18, 1905.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION.

FIRST REPORT ADOPTED.

Hon. Mr. TEMPLEMAN, from the Committee of Selection, presented their first report: He said—As we contemplate an adjournment to-morrow or the next day, I presume there is no objection to the adoption of this report to-day. I might state that we have a second report from the Committee of Selection recommending that the Committee on Banking and Commerce shall be increased by two additional members, and