

provinces are entitled to more representation. Would the hon. leader of the House contend that if there was not a redistribution the Government would have thought of bringing such a Bill to increase the representation of those provinces in the Senate? I am sure that the hon. leader, if he reflects and takes into consideration the position we take, will conclude that we are acting within our jurisdiction and going according to all rules of logic.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—The statement made by the leader of the Government with regard to the understanding that was arrived at in the other House in regard to this address, would apply, I think, to the main points of this address. Supposing, for instance, that the Senate had suggested an amendment altering the group of 24 in the West and had insisted on a number of that kind, we might then be very seriously affecting the agreement that was arrived at by the leaders on both sides in the other House. Again, had we dealt with clause 2 of this address on the amendment that was moved by my hon. friend from De Salaberry we would in all probability, as I understand it, be affecting the arrangement that was come to by the leaders in the House of Commons. But the resolution that has been proposed here does not deal with any of those points in the address. As has been stated by my hon. friends here, it simply adds a clause to the Bill stating that it shall not come into effect until the dissolution of the next Parliament. It is on all fours with the clauses in the Redistribution Bill which is now before us. I cannot see why the Senate should not be entitled to pass a clause of that kind and why my hon. friend should take the stand that he does in regard to this matter.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—My hon. friend considers very properly that he has put the matter from his standpoint. Permit me to put it to the House from the standpoint of the Government. The principle of these resolutions is accepted, namely, that the four western provinces are entitled to the representation provided for in the resolution. No one can gainsay the right of these provinces to that additional representation.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That principle being adopted, why should the hands of the Government be tied in carrying out the principle expressed in the resolution. I venture to say that no such handicap is

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placed on the Government in any statute of which I am aware. That is to say this House compels the Government to withhold the exercise of its discretionary power until a certain event of a political character transpires. That I think is intolerable. No Government could accept an abridgment of its rights in that way, and it is the right of this Government that it should be able to exercise the right of appointment in the event of their considering that this should be done. I do not for a moment deny unto this House the power which it is about to take away from the Government, but as all great political questions of this character must necessarily demand a tolerant consideration from the ranks of the opponents of the Government, the Government feels justified in saying to the Liberal majority in this House that this right should be recognized. The principle being endorsed as to the right to representation in these four western provinces, the Government therefore should not be shackled as to the expression of its discretion at any time.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—In order to bring the matter to a common issue I move that the committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. RATZ—I desire to ask the leader of the Government one question. I do not think it has been denied that the western provinces are entitled to greater representation in this House, but does the hon. leader of the House mean to say that the western provinces are entitled to representation in this House before they are entitled to representation in the House of Commons?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—That is what he said.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—There is no reason why that should not be done.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—There is every reason.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—Would the hon. gentleman not agree that it is a matter on which the House should properly exercise its domination?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Precisely.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—And that they should be told beforehand by the Government that if they exercise their opinion in one way or another another Bill will be put off?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—If my hon. friend stands firmly by his declaration that any amendment to this Bill will prevent the Government from proceeding with the