

Hon. Mr. McGEER:—and the Acting Minister of Finance? Upon what grounds can this Senate say that it has investigated this measure, when the only witnesses it has heard are the Acting Minister of Finance and the man who is to be the chairman of this board to be set up, and is to enjoy more power over the people of Canada than any other man in the whole dominion, not excepting the Prime Minister himself. How could any senator say he has given fair judgment on this matter when he has heard no evidence from the other side?

Hon. Mr. HOWARD: Question!

Hon. Mr. McGEER: You ask me the question; do I think I am the only one who knows anything about this business. I have never made that suggestion, but I know that to learn about these things we should certainly call more than two witnesses.

Hon. Mr. HOWARD: Question!

Hon. Mr. McGEER: I think something better than that should come from the Senate on a measure of this kind.

Hon. Mr. HUSHION: Right.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: As I read it, the Fathers of Confederation had this to say about the Senate:

The provision in the Constitution that the Senate shall consist of a limited number of members—that each of the great sections shall appoint twenty-four members and no more, will prevent the Upper House from being swamped from time to time by the ministry of the day, for the purpose of carrying out their own schemes or pleasing their partisans. The fact of the government being prevented from exceeding a limited number will preserve the independence of the Upper House, and make it, in reality, a separate and distinct chamber, having a legitimate and controlling influence in the legislation of the country. There would be no use of an Upper House, if it did not exercise, when it thought proper, the right of opposing, or amending, or postponing the legislation of the Lower House. It would be of no value whatever were it a mere chamber for registering the decrees of the Lower House. It must be an independent house, having a free action of its own, for it is only valuable as being a regulating body, calmly considering the legislation initiated by the popular branch, and preventing any hasty or ill considered legislation which may come from that body.

I think the Senate must at all times depend upon the favour of public opinion for its own life and security; but it will never lose the support of the vast majority of the Canadian people as long as it exercises the power to guard and protect the property and liberties of the people and the privileges of every minority in the land. The Senate is not doing that by passing this bill.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK:

Hon. Mr. HORNER: It is now eleven o'clock.

Hon. Mr. McGEER: I wish to register my opposition to the bill again, and to say that I am glad to be able to support the motion of the honourable senator from Toronto-Trinity (Hon. Mr. Roebuck).

Some Hon. SENATORS: Question! Question!

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The question, honourable senators, is on the motion for second reading of Bill 195.. In amendment it is moved by Honourable Senator Roebuck, seconded by Honourable Senator Hushion, that the bill be not now read a second time, but that it be deferred for consideration to the next session of parliament, and that pending such consideration, parliament extend to the Governor in Council the authority to continue the existing powers, control and regulations of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. Those in favour of the amendment will indicate by saying "content".

Some Hon. SENATORS: Content.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Those opposed to the amendment will say "non-content".

Some Hon. SENATORS: Non-content.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: In my opinion the "non-contents" have it.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: I ask for a recorded vote.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Call in the members.

The amendment of Hon. Mr. Roebuck was negatived on the following division:

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