

one. This motion is placed on the orders for to-morrow, and when we meet to-morrow perhaps we would lose no time over it.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I made the motion, and if the hon. gentlemen desire to move an amendment, I do not propose to take one attitude or the other.

Hon. Mr. CHOQUETTE—I think the hon. leader should agree to the proposition of the hon. gentleman from Kennebec (Hon. Mr. Lavergne). It is hard to change the names on a committee except by consent, and I think it would be just as well to satisfy every hon. gentleman by letting the motion stand until to-morrow. Some hon. member might propose an amendment.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I would like my hon. friends to understand my position. If the motion should stand until to-morrow it would be simply for the purpose of taking the matter into consideration. I have no intention of moving any amendment to strike off or substitute names. This committee has been the committee on selection of the House for many years.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—That is the reason we are against it.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—And it is entirely in the discretion of the House to make a departure and change the names I have suggested as the striking committee. To hear some hon. gentlemen one would fancy this was an arbitrary act on my part in selecting the names. A practice has been established in this House by which committees of this Senate are not changed except by removal by death or some sufficient reason, and yet, notwithstanding that practice, which the leader of the House has always adhered to, it is within the power of the House to change the committee. If any of the hon. gentlemen who have taken exception to the personnel of this committee and think it is not a proper committee to strike members for the Standing Committees, all they have to do—and the responsibility is upon them—is to take whatever steps they desire with-

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in their good judgment to depart from that practice, but so far as I am concerned I shall adhere to this motion as to the personnel of the committee. I certainly will not assume the responsibility of departing from a well established practice, which I think has worked very satisfactorily in the past. And let me say further that when the striking committee recommends committees to this House it is entirely within the discretion of the House to deal with the report as they think fit. If the personnel of the standing committees do not appeal to hon. gentlemen, they can move that certain names be stricken off and the other substituted. So that it is not in the hands of the Striking Committee. The widest discretion is given to hon. gentlemen on the floor of the House to have the committee composed in a way that will appeal to them. The responsibility is upon them, not on the shoulders of the Striking Committee.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I like the argument of the hon. gentleman. He says it is in the power of the Senate to change the decision of the Striking Committee. Is he serious? Right here he is proposing a committee from which he will not depart and will give the Senate the trouble of voting on any amendment. Is he serious? He says that the Senate has the right to change any name that may be recommended by the committee. We know that, but it is never done; it will not be done, and cannot be done. He is not serious. I say the leader of the government should take the suggestion of the hon. member from Kennebec (Hon. Mr. Lavergne) and have the matter postponed until to-morrow so that we can have further light on the subject. The hon. member from Prince Albert (Hon. Mr. Davis) tells me that the government has named on the Committee of Selection a man who cannot be here, and yet the leader of the government says that he is not prepared to accept any amendment. Now what do you think of that. It is better to let the matter stand over to give hon. gentlemen an opportunity to consult amongst themselves, and move a new committee to-morrow. I am surprised that a young man like the leader of the House talks of tradi-