

came in an effort to get something for the soldiers, and to secure federal assistance for the cheap light and power movement.

With regard to this particular form of representation, while one province may be treated in one way, and another province treated in another way, the people will not stand for it. This whole doctrine in this resolution is a mistake. Despite all that has been said in this chamber since the opening of the session, not one word has been said with respect to the taking of the census. The government had no policy back in 1943 regarding census and redistribution.

What did they do? They went overseas and begged the mother of parliaments to be good and kind enough to pass an amendment to the British North America Act, and all that kind of thing, to postpone redistribution until after the war. The minister has referred to section 51 and a case which came before the courts involving Prince Edward Island, which had overrepresentation.

We were promised at the time of the last two elections that there would be senate reform, and we notice in the minister's speech, when introducing the resolution, a further reference to senate reform, and the number from each province. It is, I admit, badly needed. They are here to-day and gone to-morrow, and are always criticizing this chamber. I am referring to the people in another place, to whom the minister has referred. I have to refer to it as "another place"—because it is another place, and has been all the time. However, I am not criticizing them. Indeed, on ten or twelve occasions in this chamber during the war I urged that more work be sent to that other place because there are a large number of men there of great ability, and the Prime Minister promised consideration for my suggestion.

I will admit they do a good deal of work in connection with divorce bills. I am a believer in the second chamber; I want it to be given real work, but I want a real, up-to-date second chamber, one which will do some work, and not always be criticizing this house. The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada is the keeper of the king's conscience. I know the minister has some conscience, and as a leader at the bar he has given special pleading for this bill, as have others who have spoken.

I have listened to two addresses to-day, two essays which were read, both of which pleaded somewhat the legal situation. The public in this country want real parliamentary reform. First of all, we must rid ourselves of these controls, restore the rights and privileges of

parliament, and have some system of electing members other than we have at the present time.

Let us for a moment look at the election returns since confederation. Have we representation by population? We shall see that some of the ridings were formerly rural, but now they are completely suburban. One can get into a bus or motor car, and within an hour's time or less be at points within a radius of fifty miles of the city. With good roads, electric buses, to which the city of Toronto has contributed greatly, and with the sewers and other public utilities, in light, power and radials, which that great city has given to the working centres, many of the outlying areas have come closer to the city. Guelph, Hamilton, Barrie, Owen Sound and London are in a similar position. They are not in rural ridings as in the olden sense.

The whole situation has been changed, because nature is changing all the time. This is not a static world. Times change; conditions change; labour conditions throughout the world are changing. "Change and decay in all around I see"—in the house and out of it. Labour is cheap in some places and dear in others. Some new invention may come along and change the whole situation. That has been the case with the last two or three censuses. Great economic changes have come about in that time.

They presented a petition to His Majesty and to the parliament of Great Britain. The government said that it is not the government that controls redistribution, but you find out about that around election time. You soon find out that it is the government of the day that controls the authorities. As I said yesterday, the government are continually trying to keep themselves in office under the present antiquated, dilapidated and outworn representation system which was set up years ago. The best Conservatives that I know of are to be found on the government benches; you will find there some of the best Tories that were ever known. I know a great many of them and I have a great regard for them. I do not take my duties too seriously and I do not like to say anything to hurt a man's feelings.

Where are we going? After all, the mother country saved our shores from the awful horrors of war. But for her the enemy would have come over here and taken the best of our men to work in the mines of Czechoslovakia and other places. After all that was said in this house about the mother country and Great Britain, where are we going now? I was very glad to see the Attorney General of Canada receive the honour he did. He

[Mr. Church.]