

THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL.
SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved the second reading of Bill (62), An Act to readjust the representation in the House of Commons. He said: In moving the second reading of this Bill, I desire to say that since I made the statement this morning that the resolutions, which have been practically rejected, and the Bill now before us for consideration should be coupled together. Upon reconsideration the Government has thought it desirable to submit the Redistribution Bill to this House. The Prime Minister, upon its return to the House of Commons, will doubtless make a statement respecting the subject, which if made will of course, appear upon the records and will explain the position of the Government upon this question.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the second time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill.

In the Committee.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I move the first clause of the Bill.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I would suggest to the hon. leader of the Government that, as this matter appertains solely to the House of Commons, he should make a general motion and have the Bill adopted en bloc instead of going through fifty or sixty pages.

The CHAIRMAN—As a legal question, this House has a right to amend that Bill.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Certainly, and if the vote is not unanimous it will have to be discussed clause by clause.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—There are only seven clauses in the Bill. The rest of it made up of schedules, so that there should be no delay.

The remaining clauses and schedules were adopted without discussion.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Now you can see how fair the Opposition is; it makes no amendment to that Bill.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—If there are any amendments to be suggested, let us hear what they are—

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—You could carry your amendments.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK.

Hon. Mr. BOLDUC, from the committee, reported the Bill without amendment. On motion of Hon. Mr. Lougheed, seconded by Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

INCREASED REPRESENTATION IN THE SENATE.

A message was received from the House of Commons stating that the amendment made by the Senate to the proposed joint address was not concurred in, for the following reasons:

1. Because appointments to the Senate have no necessary or appropriate relation to the date of the election of members to serve in the House of Commons.
2. Because in respect of certain of the western provinces the proposed increase of representation in the Senate has relation solely to the result of the last decennial census which result has been ascertained.
3. Because the said amendment is inappropriate and incongruous.
4. Because no sufficient reason can be adduced for the delay effected by the said amendment.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK moved that the Senate do insist on their amendment.

The motion was agreed to on division.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

THE PROROGATION.

His Royal Highness the Governor General having come and being seated on the Throne.

The Hon. the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that,—‘It is His Royal Highness the Governor General’s pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate.’

Who being come with their Speaker.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Title of the Bills to be passed as follows:

ROYAL ASSENT.

- An Act to amend the Customs Act.
- An Act to amend the Juvenile Delinquents Act, 1908.
- An Act to correct a clerical error in the Act 1-2 George V., chapter 118, an Act respecting the National Weekly Indemnity Company, and to change its name to ‘the Merchants and Employers Guarantee and Accident Company.’
- An Act to amend the Civil Service Act.
- An Act for the relief of Frederick Joseph Campbell.
- An Act to incorporate the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association.