

such that I think one of the western senators ought to be placed upon it. I find four senators from Ontario on this committee. It would be as well to substitute Mr. Macdonald's name for one of those. I think Mr. King should be on, being the only representative from New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—The motion will be found at page 31 of the routine proceedings.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—On page 32 the substitution is made. The resolution reads:—Hon. Messieurs Scott, Bowell, DeBoucherville, Loughheed, Miller, Macdonald (Vict.), Clemow, Power and the mover. I have no objection at all that my name shall be dropped and Mr. Macdonald's name put on.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—Is the committee limited in number?

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I think it is.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.)—I do not wish my hon. friend's name to be left out, but this is the third attempt that has been made to drop my name by members of the government from that committee. It first commenced by the wish of Senator McInnes, who was then in this House, to be on that committee, and he got the whip of the House of Commons, Mr. Sutherland, to see Sir Oliver Mowat and tell him to leave my name off the committee. Sir Oliver Mowat did that, but upon the matter being brought up in this House, as it is brought up now, my name was reinstated. Last year my name was left off in the same way, and when the attention of the House was called to the fact, it was reinstated. If the House desires that my name should be off the committee, I am perfectly willing.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Oh, no; no one desires that.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.)—I do not think the House will agree to my name being put off the committee in any unfair way. I have done my duty on that committee without fear or favour, and I am entirely in the hands of the House.

Hon. Mr. McMILLAN—As Mr. Miller is not likely to be here, I think it would be well to add Mr. Macdonald's name if the

committee is limited to that number. That would be the proper way to get over the difficulty.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—I may say the hon. gentleman is entirely mistaken in his suspicions. The motion was drawn up by the Clerk and placed before me with the names in blank, and he brought me a copy of the proceedings of last year showing the committee appointed then. I simply copied those names and put them in as they there stood. So that my hon. friend will see that he is wholly mistaken. In fact, his name was not before my mind at all when I thought of the list. I simply in a hurry copied the names.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—My hon. friend has copied them from the votes and proceedings as originally moved.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—Quite so.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—If you leave Mr. Miller's name off you have no representative from Nova Scotia.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (B.C.)—You have Mr. Power.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—I have no objection in the world to substituting Mr. Macdonald's name for Mr. Miller's, because perhaps Mr. Miller will not be here, or we might add Mr. Macdonald's name.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—That is the better way if you can do it.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—The rules, I find, restrict us. So that as Mr. Miller is not likely to be here while we are striking the committees, we might make the change.

Hon. Mr. CLEMOW—I should not like Mr. Miller's name left off the committee. I am willing to retire.

Hon. Mr. ALLEN—I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Miller yesterday, and I quite expect to see him in his place before the end of the session.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Then it is understood Mr. Macdonald's name will be substituted for the name of Mr. Clemow who will retire.

Hon. Mr. MILLS—Yes, the motion will be made in that way.

The motion was agreed to.