

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: That is what he says.

Hon. Mr. TESSIER: That is a very new principle.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: If the honourable senator (Hon. Mr. Tessier) takes his seat, I will tell him what my contention is on the point of order: that the honourable gentleman who moved the motion is out of order because he had already spoken on the third reading—

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: No, he did not.

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: —and thereby exhausted his right. He spoke on the amendment, and that amendment and the third reading were both before the House, and, having spoken on the amendment, he could not speak on the third reading.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: Get your education over again.

Hon. Mr. SHARPE: Therefore he could not move a motion. If I remember correctly, a motion for the six months' hoist on this Bill was voted down long ago.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I think the honourable gentleman is mistaken.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Talk all night if you wish.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: My contention is that the point of order is not well taken. There may be two or three amendments moved, and a member can speak on each amendment.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Go ahead. We are prepared to wait.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Order. The point of order has been raised.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: If the point of order is raised—

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: It is withdrawn. The honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. Sproule) has withdrawn it.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY: If he has not withdrawn it, I want to say a word upon it.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Do I understand that the honourable gentleman from Grey has withdrawn his point of order?

Hon. Mr. SPROULE: If it is the desire of the House, I withdraw it.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: This puts me in mind of going through a snowbank, sometimes the engine has to be very strong to go through the snow. This scene does not

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cast much lustre on the Senate—a body of intelligent men on the other side, under the control of the honourable leader of the Government, trying to prevent free speech on the floor of the independent Parliament of Canada. It is not a spectacle to be—

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Pardon me.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I never know when he is up.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: The motion has not yet been put from the Chair.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: All right.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: It has been moved by the Hon. Mr. Choquette, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Béique, that the Bill be not now read the third time, but be read the third time this day six months.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: I hope the track is clear by this time and that we may put a little express business on it. When the honourable Senator from Stadacona (Hon. Mr. Landry) rose to point out the difficulties under which the Act will be operated, and to point out the constitutional results, he was met with what? By the supporters of the Government, who have been deaf and dumb for the past three weeks on the floor of this House, with shouts of disapproval. They recovered their voices all of a sudden—not in an intelligent way, not in a way that is befitting an intelligent body; and they tried to put the honourable Senator from Stadacona down. I had no intention to speak on this motion or any other. I have my work in regard to this Bill, but I feel I must stand by a man who is claiming the right to speak for the people he represents, and whom certain persons on the other side try to put down. As long as I am here you shall not down him. Nor shall you down me, even if you put me in the tower. The honourable gentleman (Hon. Mr. Landry) called the attention of Parliament to the fact that this Bill lasts only during war-time. He has called the attention of the country to an essential constitutional point. To-morrow, or this day twelve months, the war may be over. When the troops are sent back to their homes, demobilized, what happens? Parliament, under the constitution, the British North America Act, is elected for five years. But this Bill is a violation of the British North America Act. It interferes with the rights of the provinces in regard to the electors. It interferes with the rights of the province of Quebec, which is the pivot of Confederation. On the voting power of