

to the work of the committees, are left to walk the corridors. I submit most humbly that this condition should not exist.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE—Name these members?

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Say Senator Domville, for instance.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE—No. I do not want to be referred to as one of the old bloods.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—It is not the poor men who draw the entire salary; it is the rich men, but I do not want to say anything about it, because some of them are dead. Under the circumstances I place this matter most respectfully before the Senate and ask that these young senators should have a voice in the formation of the committees. This is not a question of challenging the policy of the government at all, nor is it an expression of want of confidence in the leader, but simply a matter of courtesy and justice to the members of this House. I do not want to destroy this committee, but I desire to place on record that when a committee of this kind is formed that the gentlemen who take an active part in the legislation of the country should be consulted. I do not think I am exceeding the limits of respect to the hon. gentlemen in making this request, and I think hon. gentlemen who have the courage of their convictions will agree with me.

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—On a previous occasion, I took exception to the formation of this committee. I have no desire to take particular exception to the gentlemen who are on the committee at all, but I do not see why this committee, or any other committee of this House, should be like the laws of the Medes and Persians—not subject to change. I have been in this House a great many years, and we still have the same old striking committee. I cannot understand how they select that committee. I remain here all session, and I am quite willing to work on committees, but I have never been appointed on a committee except on a vote of this House. I was placed on the Railway Committee by

a vote of this House. I have been kept off all other committees, and placed on a committee that never met. The hon. gentlemen appointed on important committees are never here at all. I think it would be a good thing to have a change.

I suggested that as there were nine provinces, and as the Striking Committee selected the different committees of the House, and as the reports of this committee were generally accepted by the House, it was nothing but fair that each of the nine provinces should be represented on that committee. That suggestion was voted down. I think there would be more justice in a committee of that kind than in the present method. British Columbia has no representative there. They do not seem to be in a hurry to appoint any member from British Columbia, but I think that province should be represented. My hon. friend will agree with me that when he is in a hurry to move the committee, that that committee is expected to go to work at once. I find one member, Mr. Ross, of Moosejaw, is not here and not likely to be here. Why should we place on a committee senators who are not present when there are many members present willing to act? I would suggest that as the Hon. Mr. Ross is not here that the hon. leader should substitute Senator Douglas in his place, as the committee will meet to-morrow, or perhaps this evening. I think it would be wise to place the leader of the opposition, as we so call him, on that committee. The hon. member, the leader of the government in this House, is a member of that committee, and why should not Sir George Ross be a member? With these two changes I would be perfectly satisfied.

Hon. Mr. LAVERGNE—I would ask the hon. leader to adjourn this motion till to-morrow, which would give time to consult members of the House. I understood it was on the orders for to-morrow, and there is no hurry about it.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I am entirely in the hands of the House.

Hon. Mr. POWER—I think the suggestion of the hon. gentleman from Kennebec (Hon. Mr. Lavergne) is a good