

two matters. The first one is this: the form of the motion as made by the hon. leader of the Government is that the Senate does not insist upon their first amendment to the said Bill, but ask that the following amendment be substituted therefor. I am afraid if it is accepted in that form it will be open to the House of Commons to accept the first portion of the amendment. They will have the declaration of the Senate that they do not insist on their first amendment, and if they reject the other amendment, they can take the Bill as passed in that way. Therefore the amendment should be worded differently. It should state that the Senate is willing not to insist upon their first amendment to the Bill, if the Commons accepts this other amendment. I desire to call attention to another point which may be of some importance. I infer that if the amended clause were adopted, the effect would be that the Postmaster General would be unable to collect anything at all, because this clause seems to be removing that portion of the Act which enables the Post Office Department to collect one-quarter of a cent a pound. Surely it is not the intent of the hon. member who made the motion that nothing at all can be collected on newspapers?

Hon. Mr. KERR—We would have the existing law.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE—The existing law would be gone; this is an amendment to the existing law, and if you say by the amendment that the Postmaster General shall be unable to collect before it is ratified by Parliament, it will mean that from the passing of this Act until this action is ratified by Parliament, the department would be unable to collect anything at all.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—I draw the attention of the leader to the language of the amendment, where it says that the rate can in no case exceed one and a half cent for each pound weight or fraction of a pound. This is the first occasion where I have seen the Senate making any provision as to money matters, and I am surprised. It may be urged that we should put these words in brackets; as it is, I think it is out of order.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—It is only a method.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN—That does not matter. Why should we interfere in any way

with the House of Commons in a money matter. Perhaps it would be well to have a ruling on that.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—For the purpose of getting the expression of the Speaker on the point I raise a question of order, and take exception to the amendment moved by the hon. gentleman from Toronto, that this is clearly a money clause, and a money Bill, and the amendment proposes to stay the hands of the Government in the collection of the revenue for postal purposes from the time that the rates may be fixed, until the ensuing session of Parliament. It is quite clear that this House cannot interfere with the revenue collecting power of Parliament, and I therefore raise the question that this is a money Bill, and we have not the authority to make the amendment.

Hon. Mr. POWER—On this question it seems to me the hon. leader of the Government is just a little late in raising this point.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Never too late to raise a point of order.

Hon. Mr. POWER—The Senate did undertake to amend this Bill, and the House of Commons whose duty it was, if the Senate had been encroaching upon the privileges of the Commons, to protest and to say these amendments were encroaching on their privileges, did not take any such course. They accepted the amendment.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—They have refused to accept the amendments.

Hon. Mr. POWER—And it is a little late now to say this is a money Bill, and the Senate cannot amend it.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That is not the point involved, which I now raise. My point is that the amendment moved by my hon. friend from Toronto proposes to prevent Parliament from raising a revenue by postal rates or postal agreements until a certain event takes place, and that he cannot do. That is the amendment we are considering.

Hon. Mr. POWER—Then the hon. leader of the Government moves to accept this amendment, which is on the paper which contains this provision with respect to the highest rate which is to be charged.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—But that was not filled in.