

able extent British Columbia. In the first place the question of agricultural work has been one that will be of great benefit to the West, but I think that the way it was proposed by the leader of the government to deal with these questions requires some further consideration. At the present time in the West, and I think also in Eastern Canada, the farmers have had considerable trouble over the question of the marketing of agricultural products. We have seen that the farmers have been under great difficulty in getting their products to the markets which they think, and rightly think, are the proper markets where they should sell their goods. Clause No. 6, says that the labours of the husbandmen have been blessed with an ample return, but I know from personal knowledge in British Columbia this summer that we have not had the returns we should have had from the fruit grown in that country on account of the want of co-operation and organization in the disposing of the fruit. It is a very serious question at the present time, the question of putting this fruit on the market, of bringing the producer in close communication with the consumer, and I think the government of Canada had better use some of this money that they are proposing to use for the purpose of educating the farmer, in promoting a system whereby the farmer can be brought in closer touch with the consumer and in bettering these conditions with regard to fruit. The position of men who have worked hard and tried to raise a good crop, either of fruit or vegetables, or things of that kind which are perishable crops, and then see them wasted simply because they could not get in touch with the consumer, is a very unsatisfactory one, and a very serious matter for the country. This year I know that at the one end we had in British Columbia the men owning orchards with their fruit falling and rotting on the ground, and at the other end, in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba, there were cases where the men could not get the fruit they desired, and which they would have been glad to have bought if it were possible to get it, on account of their not being brought in touch with the producer. I hope in distributing this money

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the government will take that into consideration. I do not propose to take up time discussing the naval question, as stated in the address here, because I think everybody knows that the West is strongly in favour of a naval policy, and that they are prepared to see the Dominion of Canada do her part in the defence of the empire.

What I particularly want to draw the attention of the leader of the government to is this question of representation as provided for in clause 14 of the address. I notice that in his speech the leader of the government said nothing about this matter. He either forgot it or did not think it was necessary to give any explanation, but it does seem an extraordinary thing that the government should propose to give extra representation to three provinces in the Senate before saying anything about the Redistribution Bill.

My hon. friend the leader of the government knows as well as any man in the House the way the population of the West has increased of late years, not only in the three provinces named but also in British Columbia, but hon. gentlemen who will refer to this clause of the speech will see that there is no reference to British Columbia. Apparently it is ignored altogether.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Is not my hon. friend under misapprehension? The three provinces referred to in the address will receive an increase of senatorial representation as provided by statute. British Columbia is not included in the category, there is no provision for an extension of the representation in this Chamber from British Columbia.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Do I understand there is a statute providing for increased senatorial representation of those provinces mentioned?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Yes; under the Autonomy Act provision is made for increased representation for Alberta and Saskatchewan, and under the Manitoba Boundaries Extension Act of last session a like provision was made for Manitoba, but I am sorry to say that British Columbia