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resent methods of that kind. When we have a political matter to debate, my hon. friends and I will fight it out in this house and we will not use school children in the riding for political purposes.

Mr. Hansell: Might I ask one question at this point? Do the cabinet members of the various provinces enjoy franking privileges? Because, if they do not, the member has left the impression that this material may have been sent out by members in this house.

Mr. Goode: May I clear that up? That is a good question. This speech I have on my desk was received from the principal of one of my schools. While I was in his office the mail arrived and that letter was stamped by the queen's printer's meter, and the hon. member will accept my word, I am sure, and will investigate that in my riding. This was sent from the queen's printer, Victoria, and if it was sent on the order of the provincial minister then I feel the matter was handled in a most despicable manner. If it was paid for by the Social Credit party for mailing and printing, then the matter is much more serious because it was sent for motives that I certainly will not impute to my hon. friends across the chamber.

Now, we have got to the position, Mr. Speaker, of taking matters of this kind, which are most important to this country and very important to British Columbia, to each and every kiddy in my schools with only one purpose and that is the support of the Social Credit government in British Columbia. In view of this fact, I must rise in my place and make the protest that I have made.

Mr. Ray Thomas (Wetaskiwin): This Bill No. 3 which we have before us, Mr. Speaker, in my opinion is one of the most transparent outrages that has ever been perpetrated against the provincial governments of this country. It is nothing more or less than an attempt to crack the whip and beat one of these provincial governments into submission. I am going to point out to the government that their whip-cracking tactics will not do a bit of good because we Social Crediters have developed beyond the ox-cart type of government they apparently think we are, so a whip will not have any effect on the streamlined, mechanized type of government we Social Crediters have. This government tried that a few years ago against the province of Alberta, and they failed miserably because Alberta bucked them every step of the way. I might as well serve notice now that the Liberal machine, in spite of all the

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tactics they adopt, will never stop the march of Social Credit across this country.

The hon. member for Kootenay East (Mr. Byrne) based quite an argument the other day on the serious damage that might be done the economy of British Columbia and of Canada through the export of water. Then we listened to the eloquent and passionate appeals of the member for Vancouver South (Mr. Philpott) and the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources (Mr. Lesage) against the export of power and of water. They mentioned the fact that future generations might be affected by the action of this generation. Let me just quote from the minister's speech at page 1036 of *Hansard* for February 10, 1955. He said:

As I was saying, I had always thought of the hon. member for Lethbridge as a man of vision, but this afternoon it seemed to me when he was speaking about huge surpluses of power in British Columbia at this time he was forgetting what had happened in other provinces of Canada. Not so many years ago some people in authority in Ontario were claiming the right to export power to the United States. They based their demand on the fact that there was a huge surplus of power in their province, a surplus which would exist for generations. The hon. member for Lethbridge was making the same plea this afternoon. Only 20 years later—

The minister was interrupted at that point by a question of privilege by the hon. member for Lethbridge (Mr. Blackmore). It was answered, and then he goes on to say:

Well, I believe it is exactly the same situation. Today Ontario is in a position where her last source of power is the St. Lawrence seaway development; and after that there is nothing else. And when we think how young our country is it will be realized that I am using the right expression when I say that a deal like the Kaiser one is equivalent to selling down the river or giving down the river the possibilities of power development in this country at this time. Future generations, or even ourselves, would regret it—and in a very few years' time.

Then he goes on to say, on the next page:

I do not believe that the needs of the United States should be our criterion when we decide what we are going to do with our natural resources. Of course, the hon. member for Lethbridge said in his speech that he was basing his talk on the radio speech of Mr. Sommers to the effect that British Columbia would get 20 per cent of the additional power that would be generated downstream in the United States by the storage of the water, and also 20 per cent of the additional power which would be generated by any future installations.

Now, Mr. Speaker, that statement is nothing less than a distortion and a misrepresentation. There is not going to be any exportation of power into the United States, and there is not going to be any exportation of water into the United States. In addition, this scheme does not in any way affect any present or future power potential in that section of the country. I want to make that