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Hon. Mr. TAYLOR—I am paired with the hon. member from Prince Albert (Hon. Mr. Davis).

Hon. Mr. MURPHY—I am paired with the hon. member from Prince.

The SPEAKER—The question is now on the motion of Hon. Mr. Lougheed, as amended.

The motion was declared carried.

Hon. Mr. Young—Is it not necessary that there should be a message sent to the House of Commons?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I have no motion to make.

The SPEAKER—Yes, but who is going to send the message? The hon. leader of the Government says he has no motion to make.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I wish to say that I think it is absurd and childish to think that legislation can be dealt with in this way. Here is a Government Bill dealing with a great many other matters than the rates of postage, a regular omnibus Bill, yet because a small portion of that has been defeated we are informed that the Government are going to drop the Bill in the Senate, and not return it to the House of Commons where the responsible minister is concerned. I say it is childish and trifling with legislation. This Bill deals with salaries, officials and a great many other things, yet for the sake of one small item, which is separate and distinct, and which could have been introduced in a separate Bill altogether the whole Bill is to be dropped because this Senate has decided with a very distinct voice that that matter should be left to Parliament, where it has been for the last forty years.

The SPEAKER—I thought your intention was to wind up the motion.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—No, I am not winding up the motion.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I should like to make the observation that it is not necessary for the Government, nor for any member of the Government to take any suggestion from the hon. member from Portage la Prairie (Hon. Mr. Watson) as to how they shall discharge the public duties entrusted to them.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I wish to express my opinion on it, though.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I might further say that any opinion which the hon. gentleman from Portage la Prairie (Hon. Mr. Watson) might have on a subject of this kind is absolutely immaterial to the Government, or any member of the Government.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—It may be.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—What becomes of the Bill if there is no motion made?

Hon. Mr. POWER—This is a matter to which probably the hon. leader of the Government has not given quite sufficient consideration. We sent three amendments down to the House of Commons, the Commons accepted two of our amendments and did not accept the third; and we have had a message from the House of Commons, and the Bill is in this House now. It is a Commons Bill and as a matter of Parliamentary courtesy the Commons have a right to get the Bill back with our decision on it. They said they would not accept our amendment, and they have a right to know whether we insist on the amendment or not. While one cannot very well compel the Government to push a Bill that they have decided to abandon, I think the place to abandon this Bill is in the House of Commons. The Bill originated there with the Government, and it is most irregular and likely to be a dangerous precedent, that when a Government Bill is amended in this House the member in charge can say that he drops it. As a matter of courtesy to the other Chamber we are bound to send an answer to their message. Personally I do not care very materially about the fate of the Bill one way or the other; we have got along for a great many years without it, and I suppose we can stand it a few months more.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—It will be the opinion of the public that the Government is treating the Senate with contempt.