

P. D. Ross, a gentleman well-known in the newspaper world and also in the public eye, in presenting his arguments against the proposition that the Postmaster General should have control of the rates, said:

What we hesitate to accept is merely the principle of leaving in the hands of one man the power to change the rates at any time.

That is the objection of the newspaper world to this proposition. Then we read:

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—It is dangerous.

Now, if it was dangerous two weeks ago, I do not know of anything that has transpired that has lessened that danger at the present moment. I do not wish to prolong the discussion; we should settle that principle that has stood on the books for fifty years and should not be changed.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Middleton)—Supposing the Postmaster General under the law, if that amendment is not accepted, were to fix a rate, say in July, and Parliament met again in December, would not his rate have then to be approved or disapproved of by Parliament?

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—It is contemplated that between now and the next meeting of Parliament experts will go into this matter not only of rates but of zones, and the new method of collecting tolls for carrying the mails through the Dominion, and that a basis fair and reasonable to everybody will be adopted that will likely stand for years. This is a complicated question, which was so difficult in the United States and in England that in Britain they settled it by experts going into the whole matter and making a report to the Postmaster General.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Middleton)—It is stated that this is an issue whether it should be the Postmaster General or Parliament. I do not quite see it that way. If it were that I would know exactly how I would decide. If we were to give the Postmaster General power for the future without limitation to fix the rate of postage, I, for one, would not agree to it. I think that ought to be dealt with sooner or later by Parliament, but where he only gets a hand free to regulate the postage not making it more than one cent a pound until the next meeting of Parliament, I think there is a possible advantage in giving him that time to experiment in zones and rates.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—It is only one-quarter of a cent now.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG.

Hon. Mr. ROSS (Middleton)—In some cases it should be seven or eight times that, but certainly he cannot exceed one cent a pound.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I would not give the minister one day's control of the rates.

The House divided on the amendment, which was adopted on the following division.

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BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill (62), An Act to readjust the Representation in the House of Commons.—Hon. Mr. Lougheed.

The Senate adjourned until two o'clock.

SECOND SITTING.

The Speaker took the Chair at 3 p.m.

Routine proceedings.

INCREASED REPRESENTATION IN THE SENATE.

ADDRESS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved that the House resume in Committee of the Whole consideration of the address from the House of Commons respecting an amendment of certain provisions of the British North America Act increasing representation in the Senate.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Before we move into committee again on this Bill, which is contentious so far as the small amendment which has been proposed is con-