

Our property, not being as good as American property, it is not safe to keep the money here, but it is safe to keep it in the United States, and that money which might be used by our own people in the west is employed in a foreign country. Without quarrelling with the banks we have to impress them with the idea that they do not own all Canada and that even in this Red Chamber they cannot control, through the Banking Committee here or anywhere else, the destinies of Canada.

We are fortunate in having in Canada such a representative of the Crown as His Royal Highness. It will have a leavening effect all round. It will teach some what they should do, how they should behave themselves, and what they may arrive at in the future.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Before this debate closes I should like to say one or two words in regard to a paragraph in the address and also in regard to a condition of things which is not sufficiently known or appreciated in Canada, and that is in regard to the government's naval policy. All the other issues have been well discussed; the merits and demerits have been fully disclosed to this honourable House and it is not my intention to go over the address in regard to these matters.

There is a paragraph in the address which I, as a senator and representative of the people, am strongly against, and will do all in my power to defeat if possible. I believe that His Royal Highness must have had a hearty laugh when he read it, and when he was forced to give it to the Canadian people, and when he was made to say to the people of Canada: 'We will give you senators, but you cannot have representatives of the people.' Because, after all, the Duke of Connaught comes from a democratic sovereign, from a kingly family, but the kingly family runs on democratic lines.

Sir GEORGE ROSS (Middlesex)—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I can imagine the Duke reading that and laughing out in his private cabinet. And how can a popular government like the present one—I do not mean in the sense of being well liked, but

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a government coming from the people—come before a parliament of the temperament of the present one and suggest to it to build a roof without giving a foundation for the roof: that is to put in this Chamber a certain number of senators who would control legislation without the sanction of the people? We only can control legislation in this honourable House by the virtue of the constitution which gives the people the right to be represented in the Lower Chamber, and the present government comes before parliament and says 'we shall increase the membership of the other House and leave the House of Commons, the real popular representative body, without its sufficient representation.' Is that a fair proposition for the government to place before the country? I contend that it is not, that the government ought to be defeated on that question without any discussion. It is as plain as A, B, C to me—as many of the moves of the government are, which are not seen by others—that the move is made for political and party purposes, to secure a majority in this House which they have not yet obtained. Why does the government not do its duty by the country.

Hon. Sir GEORGE ROSS (Middlesex)—Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—Why does it not do its duty by the increased population that has come into the country in the last twelve years? Are they afraid of that increased population and afraid to give these million and a half people proper representation? It looks that way. Why should they refuse, two years after the census has been taken, to give these people their rights under the constitution of the country and under the British flag? What is the matter with the great Conservative party? Are they afraid of the vote of the West? Do they want dead votes in this House to carry them through their nefarious projects, to maintain themselves in power. As long as breath is in my body I will oppose a measure of this kind. It is the duty of the government now, two years after the census has been taken, to put through a Redistribution Bill and give the people of Canada adequate representation. Why have they failed to adopt that course? They know that if in