

years past, and it is a well known fact that immigrants coming into this country not only bring with them energy and intelligence to help forward the development of important resources, but they bring with them a certain amount of money which helps very largely to forward the business of the country. I say therefore that the Government should have been more careful in the proposals that they have made to the country this year, and should not have brought down a Budget providing for such a large amount of expenditure over and above the possible revenue. I might refer to some remarks that were made some five or six years ago by the hon. leader of the Government of to-day, when he was criticising the late Government on a question of this kind, and he objected very strongly at that time on the ground that there was no relation whatever between the revenue and expenditure of the country. The hon. gentleman in speaking on that occasion was very strong on this point, that the Government of the day had not taken into proper consideration the relation between the expenditure and revenue of the country, that they had not considered the condition of the country sufficiently in the large expenditure which they proposed at that time to bring down. A great deal of what was said by the hon. gentleman at that time can be brought to his attention now, and he might well consider the views that he took on that occasion. The hon. gentleman even went so far at that time as to suggest that it might possibly be the duty of the Senate to throw out the Supply Bill in order that the Government might be given the opportunity to consider the situation, and see if they could not mend the condition of things. I would not propose to take such a drastic step at the present time, but I think that if that proposal was justified then it would be equally justified at the present moment. We have also seen, by the appropriations that have been made, that a large amount of this expenditure is not proposed for the purpose of developing the resources of the country as much as it is proposed for building up and furthering the expenditure on the militia. The people of the country to-day are not satisfied with the way the money is being spent on the militia, and they will have a very strong expression of opinion to give, when they have an opportunity of saying what they think about it.

The motion was agreed to, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK.

INCREASED REPRESENTATION IN THE SENATE.

IN COMMITTEE.

The Order, of the Day being called:

House again in Committee of the Whole on the address from the House of Commons respecting the amendment of certain provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, increasing the number of senators, etc.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Address.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—This resolution, I take it for granted, is only justified because of the Redistribution Bill in the other Chamber, and the reorganization of the Senate and the increased number of senators will only take place as a consequence of a redistribution based on the census. Now we have the statement from the hon. leader of the Government that he intends to bring before the Senate to-day a Bill to readjust the representation in the House of Commons. I contend that we should wait until that Redistribution Bill is brought before this Chamber in order that we may be sure that there is such a thing. It is important that we should have that glaring fact before us, because the House of Commons did not send us a Redistribution Bill, I contend that it would be our duty to adjourn the consideration of this address until the Redistribution Bill is brought before us. I would suggest therefore that we suspend action on this resolution, until the Redistribution Bill reaches this Chamber, and my hon. friend may feel sure that when it comes we will dispose of these two orders in less than half an hour, because we have discussed at length the questions involved in the resolutions brought before us yesterday.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I give my hon. friend every assurance that if these resolutions are adopted by this House, the Redistribution Bill will be brought up this morning.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—Has it passed the House of Commons yet?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—It is before a committee of the House of Commons.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—What assurance have we that it will be adopted by the House of Commons?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I can give my hon. friend the assurance of the Government that it will be brought down, I think both measures should be coupled together.