

He and the hon. gentleman behind him (Hon. Mr. Dandurand) had the whole matter in hand. I suppose he felt the importance of his position, and it was absolutely necessary, having just attained the position of a member of the Privy Council—

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Not then.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—Well, it was in prospect. It was coming. I think he was sworn in then.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—He was then a minister *in petto*.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—He is on four committees, and I think he will do his duty. I am not finding fault. I am pointing out the absurdity of laying down a principle for the formation of committees, and grossly violating that principle.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—Hear, hear.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I am glad the hon. Secretary of State agrees with me. I am sure his 'hear, hear' was not ironically said. Hon. J. R. Thibaudeau is on two committees, Mr. Thompson two, Mr. Vidal three, Mr. Wark one, Mr. Watson three, Mr. Wood (Westmoreland) four, Mr. Wood (Hamilton) two, Mr. Yeo two, Mr. Young three. I have shown by this list exactly how the members stand in relation to the different committees, and whether they can come to the conclusion that the principle laid down by the hon. Secretary of State last year, when he was defending the Selecting Committee, has been carried out either equitably or with regard to the age and experience of the members of this House or not. The hon. gentleman will give me credit for saying that no matter what the political complexion of an hon. gentleman was, I have always deplored the principle, where health may have prevented a Senator giving the attention to committee meetings which he otherwise would, that he should be ignored and treated with contumely by striking him off committees on which he had served, as has been done by the Committee on Selection this year. If the Senate is satisfied with the new mode of conducting affairs, of course, all we have to do is submit.

Hon. Mr. MILLER—I did not feel at all called upon to make any complaint in the allusion my hon. friend has made to me.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL.

but I think, after having submitted to the ruling in regard to the striking of the committees, that he should not now blame me for having done so, or appear to attribute greediness in me in monopolizing more committees than I am entitled to. I think he should not blame me for anything of the kind. Further than that, I may state—and I think my hon. friend will justify me in the statement—that on the Selection Committee, I asked to be relieved of two committees, and he said, 'No, do not. If they leave you on, stay on.'

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—One would suppose, from the speech we have had from the hon. leader of the opposition, that this Striking Committee was of a most revolutionary character, that we had disturbed the proportions that had prevailed in the representation on these several committees. As a matter of fact, with the exception of two or three points, I might have read the remarks the hon. gentleman made last session or the previous session, because many of the names he has referred to there were not touched at all. For instance, Mr. Miller: his name was not put on or taken off, and so I might state of many other gentlemen. My hon. friend, when leader of the Senate, was furnished with a list, no doubt, of how the committees were arranged. They were never even arranged equitably or fairly or on any sound principle. That I undertake to say, and my hon. friend's arrangement is really what he has made himself. It was under his regime that Mr. Miller was put on five committees.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—I did not complain of it.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT—And Sir Alphonse Pelletier's name was neither added nor taken off, and so it is with a number of hon. gentlemen whose names have been read and the House has been led to believe—I do not say wilfully—that the Striking Committee has disturbed the proportions on the Standing Committees of this House. That is absolutely contrary to the fact, as I will show hon. gentlemen as I go on. I read to the House the names on the Library Committee. The House will have seen that there was no disturbance in that committee; not a single name was taken off. Death had removed two gentlemen, and two others had been put on in their places. There is still