

ference of the provinces denied this right to the maritime provinces. I believe that if the Prime Minister referred this proposal to the judgment of the Provincial Legislatures and secured their assent or, at least, their favourable comment, the proposal would be sanctioned by the Imperial Parliament. I join with my hon. friend from Prince Edward Island in suggesting that this proposal be separated from the other, in order that it may be submitted to the Provincial Legislatures for their assent.

On the first part of the resolution:

(1) The number of senators provided for by section 21 of the British North America Act, 1867, is increased from seventy-two to ninety-six.

(2) The divisions of Canada in relation to the constitution of the Senate provided for by section 22 of the said Act, are increased from three to four; the fourth division to comprise the western provinces, Manitoba, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta, which four divisions shall (subject to the provisions of the said Act and of this Act) be equally represented in the Senate, as follows:

Ontario, by twenty-four senators; Quebec, by twenty-four senators; the Maritime Provinces and Prince Edward Island, by twenty-four senators, ten thereof representing Nova Scotia, ten thereof representing New Brunswick and four thereof representing Prince Edward Island, the western provinces by twenty-four senators, six thereof representing Manitoba, six thereof representing British Columbia, six thereof representing Saskatchewan and six thereof representing Alberta.

(3) The number of persons whom, by section 26 of the said Act, the Governor General may, upon the direction of the King, add to the Senate, is increased from three or six to four or eight, representing equally the four divisions of Canada.

(4) In case of such addition being at any time made by the Governor General shall not summon any person to the Senate, except upon a further like direction by the King on the like recommendation, to represent one of the four divisions until such divisions is represented by twenty-four senators and no more.

Mr. PUGSLEY: Is there not some mistake in the printing in subsection 4? It says:

Except upon a further like direction by the King on the like recommendation, to represent one of the four divisions until such divisions is represented—

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: The "s" should be off the word "divisions".

Mr. PUGSLEY: That would make that all right, but, again, in the first line of subsection 4, it says:

In case of such addition being at any time made by the Governor General shall not summon any person to the Senate.

Some words may have been left out.

[Mr. Turgeon.]

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I am obliged to my hon. friend. I will look at it.

Mr. GRAHAM: In paragraph 4 the word "by" should be left out.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: I have before me the resolution as it was before the committee last year. I see that the word "by" should be left out. I am obliged to my hon. friend for directing attention to the matter.

Resolution as amended reported and concurred in.

Sir ROBERT BORDEN moved:

That it be resolved that the House do send to the Senate to inform their Honours that the House has passed an address to His Most Excellent Majesty the King praying that he will be graciously pleased to give his assent to submitting a measure to the Parliament of the United Kingdom to amend certain provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, in the manner set forth therein, and request that their Honours will unite with this House in the said address by filling up the blank therein with the words "Senate and."

Motion agreed to.

SUPPLY.

The House in Committee of Supply, Mr. Seigny in the Chair.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN: Mr. Chairman, I desire to make a request of my hon. friend the Minister of Railways and Canals (Mr. Cochrane). It is that he negotiate with the contractors of the Halifax and Eastern railway for terms by which the operation of that road might commence between Dartmouth and Musquodoboit harbour or a point further east if circumstances permit. The construction of the Halifax and Eastern railway was commenced in 1912. I think it was in that year that the contract for its construction was entered into. The railway is incomplete. The grading is very nearly finished and the rails are laid for a very considerable distance from the western termini at Dartmouth. This railway has been long and anxiously waited for by the people residing in the district traversed by it and there is considerable disappointment over the delay in its completion and the commencement of its operation. The rails are all laid, as I understand, between Dartmouth and Musquodoboit harbour, a distance of 25 miles in its southeasterly direction. The road bed, I understand, is to this point in very good condition, the rails being laid and I think all the heavy bridges have been erected. There is no reason why a train service should not