

them full representation from now on, but that representation should not precede the increased representation in the House of Commons. That is a principle that I am sure will be acceptable to the Northwest and that the people of the rest of Canada will demand. This House would not be acting wisely if it allowed the Government in the near future to bring into this House eight or ten new senators without having corresponding increased representation in the Lower House. The hon. leader of the Government has just said that the appointment will be made at the discretion of the Government. I shall do all I can to limit that discretion by asking that a clause be inserted in the Bill to provide that the increased senatorial representation shall only take place concurrently with increased representation in the House of Commons. That is not settling the policy of the Government; it is only protecting the rights of the people, and especially of the Liberal party. The aim of the Government is to get a majority in this House. Any Liberal who will stand for that does not deserve to be in this House. As long as the Liberals have the power to protect their rights in that matter they should do so. They should demand that a Government place an amendment in the Redistribution Bill to provide that it shall only become effective after the next general election. It is not a matter of calling their policy in question; I am with them up to that point.

The clause was adopted.

On the 3rd paragraph:

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—The hon. leader of the Government referred to the increased representation of British Columbia and suggested that it was given on the basis of population at the present time.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—No, I did not put it that way. I said that representation should take into consideration the interests of the province as well as of the population. All those are factors which should be taken into account.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK—Taking into consideration all those different factors affecting the province of British Columbia, it may not be very long before that province and the other western provinces will consider this representation which we are now giving them insufficient. On that basis they might before very long, demand that they shall have a greater representation in the Senate than the six mem-

bers provided for under this clause. Those western provinces are liable to develop very quickly, and their population will increase very fast, their importance will increase in the same way, and the demand may be made before many years are over that the representation in the Senate should be made for each province possibly equal to the representation in the Senate from Ontario. At the present time New Brunswick has a representation of ten members in the Senate, and the province of New Brunswick is not as large and not developing to the same extent as the western provinces are, and consideration of that fact might give to the people of the West, the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta and British Columbia, a greater representation than they propose to give them under this Act. Therefore, I do not see that this arrangement can have any very final effect.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—We will have to come back again.

The clause was adopted.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I would urge my hon. friend, whose career as minister of the Crown may be short or long, and I would express no opinion as to what my desires are—personally I suppose he would be glad to be free at an early date of the responsibilities that worry the State—I would urge my hon. friend to take up with his colleagues the question of the desirability of cutting down the representation in this Chamber from a possible maximum of 104 to a possible maximum of 54.

Hon. Mr. BEIQUÉ—I join in that expression of hope. I do not think it would be proper on our part to urge that now, because it would be liable to be interpreted as a desire that the present Administration should be prevented from replacing Liberal members by Conservative members in this House. Personally I am in favour of the House being as nearly divided as possible, and, therefore, approve of the changes which take place from time to time in this House. I hope as soon as possible this House will take action in expressing its unanimous approval of the reduction of the number of senators.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—These provinces would have a good deal to say about that.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—The proportion would be maintained.