

him to bolster up his case by a quotation from the remarks of an eminent public man, when that very man took exactly the same ground that we are now taking. I invited the honourable gentleman to inform this House how that particular gentleman had voted, but he declined my invitation because he knew the answer would weaken his case.

Now, honourable gentlemen, I have tried—successfully, I believe—to treat this rather ticklish subject as quietly and as coolly as possible, in order to avoid scandalizing honourable gentlemen, especially those who do not remember the days of their youth, when they were active and impetuous. If I have trampled on forbidden ground, I apologize with all due respect to those who are sincere in not sharing my views.

Hon. C. MacARTHUR: Honourable senators, I have neither the vocal capacity nor the oratorical ability of the previous speaker; nor have I the historical knowledge possessed by the honourable senator from Toronto (Hon. Mr. Hocken). I may say in passing, however, that I believe I am more tolerant than either of those honourable gentlemen, for I have reached a time of life when I have learned to take the middle ground in some matters. I do this not because of a lack of back-bone, but because it is a matter of common sense. We are here for only a short time, and I think we shall make more progress if we do not make mountains out of mole hills.

The honourable senator from Toronto spoke of the provision contained in the Bill as "the limit," from which I should infer that he meant it was the last straw that was going to break the camel's back. I do not so regard it. Furthermore, I think he is farther from the opinion of his own leader than he is from that of the speaker who has preceded me.

It has been said that this amendment proposed by our committee is the idea of the honourable member from Prince Edward Island. There is more than one senator from that province. I may say to the honourable gentleman from Toronto (Hon. Mr. Hocken) that I agree with the honourable senator from Prince Edward Island, as, I believe, many others do, and I am convinced that our view will receive more support than that of the honourable gentleman from Toronto. The remark as to one honourable member from Prince Edward Island receiving more consideration than anybody else is in my opinion entirely uncalled for.

There is another matter in respect of which I think the honourable senator from Toronto went a little too far. Since when has the

Senate of Canada been precluded from exercising its prerogative as a revising body? Why should the honourable gentleman say a minority are trying to force through something rejected by the other House? The questions that come before us are discussed on their merits.

It has been suggested that the question we are discussing is a political one. I may say that so far as I am concerned it is not. I have been much impressed by some of the arguments advanced, particularly that of the honourable senator from Saint John (Hon. Mr. Foster). I happen to have some investments, and now and again I receive financial statements. These statements are in both French and English—a very sensible and economical plan—for the French-speaking stockholder and the English-speaking stockholder are both able to understand them. I have never seen the two versions issued on separate sheets.

I should like to inquire as to one or two points that have not been touched upon in this discussion. Is there any obligation imposed on a bank teller to ask a customer what kind of money he wants, or is he at liberty to hand out either? The Bill says the form and material of the notes shall be subject to approval by the Minister, but nothing is said about the size of the notes. In the United States bills of different denominations are of different sizes. Is the size of our notes to be dealt with by those directing the affairs of the new bank?

I am learning a little French from bilingual bank notes. I have a note of La Banque Canadienne Nationale.

Hon. Mr. CALDER: Give me one.

Hon. Mr. MacARTHUR: It is a bigger note than the one referred to by the previous speaker (Hon. Mr. Lacasse). On the left side of my note there appear the words "will pay to bearer on demand," and on the right side the words "paiera au porteur sur demande." I also have a note of La Banque Provinciale. The two languages appear on this bill in positions which are the reverse of those on the other bill. On the left side I find "Dix dollars à demande au porteur," and on the right side, "Ten dollars on demand to bearer." That money is just as good to me as if it were printed entirely in French or English, or in Norwegian, Scotch or any other language.

Right Hon. Mr. MEIGHEN: Hear, hear. I will take it.

Hon. Mr. MacARTHUR: I have also a Canadian quarter. This bears an inscription in Latin.

Right Hon. Mr. GRAHAM: It is bilingual.