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Hon. L. P. BRODEUR (Minister of Marine and Fisheries). The statement which has been made by the hon. member for East Elgin (Mr. Ingram) is of course a very important one. But, at the same time it may be proper to say in answer to that statement that some couple of years ago, if I remember rightly, it was decided by the committee that instead of making the ordinary index they would have an analytical index issued. As this index was rather voluminous it was decided to put it only in one volume or in a separate volume of 'Hansard'.

An hon. MEMBER. No.

Mr. BRODEUR. That is the information I have. I do not know if I am correct or not. Last year, at the suggestion of several members of the House, they restored the old index and the analytical index was not put in. This year, if I quite seize the object which the committee have in view, they are going to leave the index as it was formerly, that it to say, in each volume.

An hon. MEMBER. No.

Mr. GERVAIS. No, this separates them.

Mr. BRODEUR. I understand that in each volume they are going to have the old index as it was before and that outside of that we will have this analytical index which is going to be very useful.

Mr. GERVAIS. Hear, hear.

Mr. BRODEUR. Because instead of going over five volumes of 'Hansard' to know what has been said or discussed in parliament we would simply consult this index. If it is going to be that, I do not see any harm in having the old index as we had it before at the end of each volume and outside of that have an analytical index which will give us an opportunity of knowing what has been discussed without reading through the whole of 'Hansard'.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES (Victoria). By the old index I presume the hon. gentleman (Mr. Brodeur) means the complete index at the end of each volume of 'Hansard'.

Mr. BRODEUR. Yes.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. That is all right. Of course I am in favour of this analytical index but I would suggest that the index for the whole of the volumes of 'Hansard' shall be in each volume as it was before. I presume it will be safe to say that Mr. McGillicuddy will devote most of his attention to this work and will not, during election time, be making periodical trips to the Northwest.

Mr. D. HENDERSON (Halton). It would be advisable in the interest of the country to allow this small sum to be paid to Mr. McGillicuddy if it will keep him out of the western country. But, coming back to the question I scarcely agree with the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) that this index is so much more useful and convenient than the index we have in the volumes of 'Hansard'. My experience is that it contains too much. When I turn to the index I want to get at the items as quickly and concisely as possible. I want a concise index. I do not want an index that will give me half the contents of a speech, because, if I am searching for a particular idea, I want to get at it quickly. My objection really to the analytical index, and I have looked into it, is that it contains more than is necessary and more than is really convenient. I prefer the index as we have it in 'Hansard'.

Mr. GEO. TAYLOR (Leeds). I have been a member of the Debates Committee for a great many years and I was a member of it when this change took place. I may say that this change was brought about particularly through the instrumentality of the late lamented Mr. E. F. Clarke who was a newspaper man of prominence and who had a great deal of experience in reference to indexes of this kind. He urged it upon the committee and we adopted it. We made the change that was suggested but we soon found out that it was a mistake not to have the complete index in each separate volume of 'Hansard'. We restored the index to each volume. I was influenced altogether in supporting it in the committee by the representations made by the late lamented Mr. Clarke. For myself I did not see very much use for the change but it was represented that men who make a study of these matters, and whose time is very valuable, should have an index as they have it in England and in other places so that when they went into our library, in place of looking over the different volumes, by looking at the index they could in a moment tell in which volume was to be found the speech with which they desired to deal. The committee were unanimous and I hope their recommendation will be adopted by the House.

Mr. FOSTER. I have just had placed in my hand and have looked over the analytical index and I am quite willing to withdraw any supposed opposition I had to it. I think it would be a very valuable thing for one who desires to make a thorough study of any subject. It is quite different from the index which is in each volume and I think it will be very useful.

Motion agreed to.