

Redistribution Bill, I would be very sorry, inasmuch as this amendment does not effect the economy of the Act, it leaves it intact, and simply adjourns for how many months my hon. friend knows better than I do,—its application. If my hon. friend stands by that declaration, then I believe we should return to the common sense point of view, which was accepted by all the members of this House this morning, that the Redistribution Act should be in this House before we moved the resolution, and that we should not be asked to take a step which may have important consequences on a Bill which should not be before us at the present time, and should only come here when the Redistribution Act has reached this Chamber. So that if my hon. friend the leader of the Government persists in his declaration that any slight amendment disturbing in no wise the economy of the Bill will have some effect on an Act which should have preceded this one, I say it is unbecoming of this Chamber to take that further step until that Redistribution Bill is in this Chamber. For this reason I will record the motion that this committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Before the question is put I want to call the attention of my hon. friend who referred to the section of the British North America Act, to another section which reads:

This Act shall take effect upon the dissolution of the present Parliament.

That is an example given to us as to what we should do, and I desire to call attention to the fact that this is only a repetition of the Constitutional Act.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—I said so half an hour ago.

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—Subsection 5 of section 51 reads:

Such readjustment shall not take effect until the termination of the then existing Parliament.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND—But what harm is there in this Chamber acting on the same line, declaring that any increased representation in this Chamber which is due to the occasion of the Redistribution Bill being brought in the other Chamber should be applied at the same time?

Hon. Mr. LANDRY—The difference is this: in one case we have the British North America Act which imposed the duty of making that declaration. In the other case

it is nothing of the kind, and there has been additions to the senate outside the periods of the census.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I have just received a copy of the amendment moved by the hon. leader of the Opposition. It does not suit me at all. The amendment reads that this Bill shall not go into effect until the termination of the now existing Parliament. My view would be that it should not go into effect until after the next general elections. I will not give any reasons, and I hope when the amendment is put to the House it will read that way.

The motion was agreed to, and hon. Mr. Bolduc from the committee reported that they had made some progress with the Bill and asked leave to sit again.

The SPEAKER—The committee will resume at 12.45.

#### POST OFFICE ACT AMENDMENT BILL. MOTION.

A message was received from the House of Commons returning Bill (147), 'An Act to amend the Post Office Act,' stating that the Commons disagreed to the amendment made by the Senate by striking out the words 'and shall not take effect until so revised or ratified' and in inserting in the blank the words 'one cent.'

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I move that the Senate do concur to agree to the consequential amendment of the Commons made to the amendment of the Senate to said Bill and do not insist on the words 'and shall not take effect until so revised or ratified' in said amendment to which the Commons disagreed.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The effect of the Commons amendment is that the amendment moved by my hon. friend from Toronto (Hon. Mr. Kerr), is not accepted by the Commons. The balance of the Senate amendment is accepted. Furthermore the rate of poundage shall be reduced to one cent per pound.

Hon. Mr. KERR—There are two points to which I take exception. I therefore move in amendment:

That a message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate does not agree to the amendment proposed by that House to the said amendment of the Senate, and that the Senate reaffirm their said amendment with the following words added thereto:

And until so revised and ratified by Parliament the now existing rates shall remain in force notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act.