

surely it is not unreasonable to say that the minister charged with the administration of justice in the Dominion, should first pronounce upon the fact as to whether there should be an intervention of that court.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—I do not think there is any very strong provision against the liberty of the subject in this Bill. The present law is still stronger. An ordinary magistrate has power to deport any foreigner whatever who comes under the criminal law if he has not been living here longer than three, four or five years. This provision is milder than the present law. The safety of the country requires that this provision be passed and any man would receive as much justice at the hands of the Minister of Justice as at the hands of an ordinary magistrate.

The clause was adopted.

On clause 12:

12. Section 3 of the Immigration Act, chapter 27 of the statutes of 1910, is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

2. No resident of Canada, whether he is a Canadian citizen or not, and whether he has a Canadian domicile or not, who leaves Canada to perform any military or other service for any country then at war with His Majesty, or for the purpose of aiding or abetting in any way His Majesty's enemies, shall be permitted to land in Canada, or remain therein, except with the permission of the minister. If any such person is also prosecuted for any offence of which he may have been guilty he shall undergo any punishment imposed upon such prosecution before he is deported.

The CHAIRMAN—There are some amendments made by the Commons to the printed Bill. In the second last line of the clause, the words 'he should undergo' have been changed and the following substituted:—'He shall be liable to undergo any punishment imposed upon him under such prosecution before he is deported.'

Hon. Mr. WATSON—What about the holdings of such a man?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—The hon. gentleman means as to his interests in property.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—Supposing he is a homesteader or owns property?

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—I should judge that under the Bill the Government would have authority to make regulations forfeiting his right to again enter upon such homestead.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—Why should he not lose his property?

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I think anybody who comes to Canada, lives here, and subsequently undertakes to go abroad to fight against His Majesty's subjects should have all his property in Canada forfeited.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—That would not be unreasonable.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—That clause is not drastic enough by any means. Any person in Canada, Canadian citizen or otherwise, who leaves the country to enlist in the German army, and help Germany against the armies of Britain and her allies, should not be allowed to return to Canada. If he should return he should be shot and any property he might have in Canada should be confiscated. The Government is too lenient. I think the country will back me up in that proposition.

Hon. Mr. McKAY (Cape Breton)—This Bill provides for all that in the last clause,

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—That does not say anything about confiscation of property.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—That does not say he should be shot.

Hon. Mr. WATSON—I think the Government should go farther in this legislation. The Government is now providing that an alien who leaves this country to fight for Germany should not be allowed to land in Canada. I think the Government should keep a strict supervision over these people in Canada, and any man who expresses himself as hostile to Great Britain in this war should have his property confiscated.

An hon. GENTLEMAN—Oh, no.

Hon. Sir LYMAN MELVIN JONES—In case a man left the country and his wife and family remained here, what position would they occupy? Perhaps they would be very much opposed to his leaving. What would become of them?

Hon. Mr. DAVIS—We have not to look after the families of people who leave the country to join the armies of nations warring with great Britain. I say their property should be confiscated.

Hon. Mr. LOUGHEED—Under clause 6, sufficiently wide powers are given to the Governor in Council to pass regulations with the force of law, if it was thought desirable.

Hon. Mr. YOUNG—Where does the hon. leader find provision in any clause which will give the Government that power?