

other districts in Ontario. Under the Bill they could cast their votes in those districts.

The amendment of Hon. Mr. Bostock was negatived.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: What is the object of inserting those words "or other places" in paragraph d when the definition of "camp" in section 2 b mentions base, barracks, rest station, ship, dockyard, hospital or other place? Would not that definition cover?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No; there might be a place that would not be within the meaning of that definition; for instance, if men were "assembled under a commanding officer for the performance of any military or naval duty." These words are inserted simply to cover some unlooked for place where men may be found.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: The places where the votes are to be taken are designated by the presiding officer, are they not?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: They are to take those votes wherever they are, but this paragraph simply provides that they may exercise their power in designated places or other places.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: The language seems to be very general. The men are usually in some designated place.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: You cannot be sure of that at all times in a condition of war. It is simply for caution.

On subsection 2 of section 5:

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: The difficulty I see about that is that there is no way of rectifying afterwards anything that might occur in reference to the ballots and envelopes.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I do not see any other precaution that we can take. We have to take some chances.

On section 6—information as to candidates:

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: I was going to suggest that this would delay the fighting if they have to get boards and put them up. They would not be able to fight like my honourable friend from Kings (Hon. Mr. Fowler).

On subsection 1 of section 8—conduct of polls:

Hon. Mr. BEIQUE: I would suggest changing "the day" on line 7 to "two

full days," so as to enlarge the time before the polling commences and give time to have the posting done. It is incumbent upon the officers after the nomination day to telegraph the names of the candidates; but that might take twenty-four hours. Then it is incumbent on the officer also to post in the camp the names of the candidates. It would be better to allow one full day after the nomination.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: We might let that stand until we can look into it.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: There is a difference of five hours in the time, so that if the polls here closed at five or six o'clock it would be eleven o'clock in the evening there, and they would have no time at night to put out those bulletins.

Section 8 stands.

Hon. Mr. BOSTOCK: Under section 8 the polls are assigned to the charge of presiding officers, but there does not seem to be provision for assigning those polls, unless it be in paragraph d of section 4.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Let that stand, and I will get the information.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: I desire to call attention to the question of the ballot boxes.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: What is it my honourable friend desires to know?

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: The question of the ballot boxes is mentioned in e and g, also in b. We have had a very sad experience in that respect. In New Brunswick we have known of ballot boxes disappearing. I have in my pocket affidavits, but I do not want to produce them.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I would say to my honourable friend that the ballot boxes are those approved, as I understand, under the Elections Act. I know of no other ballot box that will be used than that sanctioned by law.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: That is the point that I am making.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: What is the point?

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: That care should be taken to see that the ballot boxes cannot be moved out.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: That is reasonable.

Hon. Mr. DOMVILLE: We had this question of loose ballots to deal with before.