

On section 145,

Mr. HENDERSON. Do I understand that under this section a candidate will be at liberty to pay legal expenses which have been overlooked, or an account which has not been rendered in the time prescribed by law?

The SOLICITOR GENERAL. Yes.

Mr. HENDERSON. Then I think it is a very good provision. I have an account pending for four years which I was compelled not to pay, simply because I knew that a protest could be filed against me at any time if I did. I have been wondering how in the world the law would allow me to pay my honest debt, and I am glad the Solicitor General now has made a provision enabling me to do so.

The SOLICITOR GENERAL. I warn my hon. friend that this will only apply to the next election. The way to pay your last election account is to go to your solicitor and let him have the money.

Mr. HENDERSON. But I went to my solicitor and he advised me not to pay it.

On section 147,

Mr. INGRAM. Subsection 2 refers to the fees of returning officers.

The SOLICITOR GENERAL. They are not paid half enough.

Mr. INGRAM. I do not object to what they are paid; it is to the way they are paid. It offers a premium to them to create a large number of subdivisions, many of which are not necessary at all, and thus increase the cost both to the candidates and to the public.

The SOLICITOR GENERAL. I think it would be better to let that stand.

On schedule L,

Mr. INGRAM. I think in this should be included the form of the ballot and directions as to how the ballot should be marked.

The SOLICITOR GENERAL. Better let that stand.

Mr. HENDERSON. There ought to be another schedule giving the oath to be used in the case of an ordinary voter. I fail to find anything of that kind. The deputy returning officer will be unable to get it unless he hunts up the provincial statutes. It will be important to have the oath included in the Bill. Is it the intention of the Solicitor General to add a schedule giving the form of vote required in such a case?

The SOLICITOR GENERAL. They are to receive a copy of the local elections Acts with the affidavits.

Mr. HENDERSON. There will have to be a change made from the oath used in the Ontario Act.

Schedule u allowed to stand.

Mr. INGRAM. I wish to give notice of a couple of amendments:

That section 34 is hereby amended by striking out all the words after the word 'paper' in the sixth line thereof, and also by repealing subsections 2 and 3 of the said section, and substituting the following therefor:

'2. Upon receiving a nomination paper, the returning officer shall give a receipt therefor, and such receipt shall in every case be sufficient evidence of the production or filing of such nomination paper and of the consent of the candidate.'

That section 38 of the said Act is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'time' in the first line thereof the words, 'within forty-eight hours,' and by striking out the words, 'and before the closing of the poll,' in line 2 thereof.

Committee rose and reported progress.

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES (Sir Louis Davies) moved the adjournment of the House.

Mr. SPROULE. What business is to be taken up to-morrow?

The MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Probably some government Bills will be taken up first, and then Supply, if we have time.

Mr. WILSON. What estimates will be gone on with?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE (Mr. Fielding). I think, probably, militia; but I cannot say with certainty, because my hon. friend the Minister of Militia (Mr. Borden) is not present.

Mr. WILSON. Will you not take up immigration?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE. I think immigration is through. If not, we will take that up in preference.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 1.30 a.m. (Thursday.)

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, June 14, 1900.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

ROYAL ASSENT.

Mr. SPEAKER. I have received the following notice from the Governor General's Secretary, which I propose to read to the House:

Office of the
Governor General's Secretary,
Ottawa, June 13, 1900.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber on Thursday, the