

enumerators to make lists of the electors in the electoral district.

That has been the law of this country so far as these provinces are concerned for twelve years. My hon. friend has only now come to the conclusion that a system of that kind is intensely partisan. Why did this not dawn on him during all these years? Why has he suddenly awakened to the conclusion that it is an iniquitous thing that the Governor in Council should appoint enumerators? The suggestions that have been made on both sides of the House will be taken into attentive consideration; we will proceed with the Bill to-morrow. But there are other sections of the Bill which have not yet been touched and upon which I should like to offer some explanation. I move, therefore, that further consideration of section 1 be postponed in order that we may proceed to the consideration of section 2.

Motion agreed to.

On section 2—Part III to operate as amended:

Sir ROBERT BORDEN: In accordance with suggestions made from the other side of the House, Part II of the Dominion Elections Act, with the amendments proposed, is to be printed, in order that it may be placed in the hands of hon. gentlemen to-morrow afternoon with a view to a clearer understanding of the Act. Part III is very long; we should not have time to have it printed by to-morrow. But in any case that is not necessary, because the changes are very few. The changes in Part III are embodied in section 2 of this Act; I will state them now, so that a complete record will be in the hands of hon. gentlemen to-morrow afternoon as to what the Act will be with the amendments proposed to be effected by the Bill now under consideration.

Section 2 provides that in the first place section 143 of the Dominion Elections Act shall be struck out and the section provided here shall be substituted. Section 143 of the Dominion Elections Act is as follows:

143. Where there is a voters' list, each elector shall, subject to the provisions of the next following section, except,—

(a) in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta and the Yukon Territory; and,

(b) in case of non-resident electors provided for in Part I, of this Act;

be entitled to vote at the polling station of the polling division or one of the polling divisions upon the list of voters for which his name is entered as such voter, and at no other.

2. In the province of Prince Edward Island, subject to the provisions relating to officers

and agents employed at an election, every elector qualified to vote in the electoral district in which he resides shall vote in such district in the electoral division, or, in case such electoral division is subdivided, in the polling division thereof in which he resides, and not elsewhere; and every elector qualified to vote in an electoral district in which he does not reside shall vote in the polling division thereof in which is situate the property on which he claims to vote, and not elsewhere.

As will be observed, that is struck out and the following substituted as section 143:

143. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, each elector shall be entitled to vote at the polling station of the polling division, or of one of the polling divisions, upon the list of voters for which his name is entered as an elector, and at no other.

The next change is in section 136. Section 136 as it stands at present in the Dominion Elections Act is as follows:

136. The poll shall be opened at the hour of nine of the clock in the forenoon and kept open until five of the clock in the afternoon of the same day; and each deputy returning officer shall, during that time, in the polling station assigned to him, receive, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, the votes of the electors duly qualified to vote at such polling stations.

It is proposed by this Bill to amend that so that it will read as follows:

136. Except in the cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Hamilton, London, Montreal, Ottawa, Quebec, Regina, St. John, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria and Winnipeg, wherein the poll shall be opened at the hour of six of the clock in the forenoon, and kept open until five of the clock in the afternoon of the same day; and each deputy returning officer shall, during that time, in the polling station assigned to him, receive, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, the votes of the electors duly qualified to vote at such polling station.

The next section that is touched is section 137, which reads:

137. In addition to the deputy returning officer and the poll clerk, the candidates and their agents, not exceeding two in number for each candidate in each polling station, and, in the absence of agents, two electors to represent each candidate on the request of such electors, and no others, shall be permitted to remain in the room where the votes are given during the time the poll remains open.

The section as proposed to be amended will read as follows:

137. In addition to the deputy returning officer and the poll clerk, the enumerator, the candidates and their agents, not exceeding two in number for each candidate in each polling station, and, in the absence of agents, two electors to represent each candidate on the request of such electors, and no others, shall be permitted to remain in the room where the votes are given during the time the poll remains open.

The next is section 144, which says:

144. Except in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta and the Yukon Territory, the