

the candidate, before they take any step of that kind. In the first place, they must go to the extent of perjuring themselves, and in the next place they must perjure themselves with the certain knowledge that they will very shortly be brought before the judge to answer for their perjury. If we were to apply the suggestion of the hon. gentleman to the cities of the West, it would delay the election campaign for a very considerable time. After a very thorough review of the circumstances, it was decided that we would adopt the safeguards that we have adopted and put the whole of the West on the same footing.

Mr. MARCIL: We are to have the enumerators in the rural parts of Quebec. Will the minister kindly explain how the system will work out there in a rural constituency?

Mr. MEIGHEN: Judicial revision in the rural parts would be out of the question because it could not be done within the time. The only work in Quebec that has not yet been reviewed judicially is the work of the enumerators, and that will be very easily tested as it applies only to the question whether a woman has a brother or son overseas, or whether a German or Austrian immigrant has been naturalized since 1902.

Mr. MARCIL: If five women were placed on the list in my county it would be difficult to trace them within the fifteen days provided. They might not reside in the constituency at all.

Mr. MEIGHEN: But under the Bill they must.

Mr. KYTE: Does the provision as to the completion of the enumerators work fifteen days before election day apply all over Canada?

Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes.

Mr. KYTE: And also the requirement that the objection of a scrutineer to a vote on election day must be supported by affidavit?

Mr. MEIGHEN: Yes.

Mr. BUREAU: Must enumerators reside in the district for which they are appointed?

Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not think there is any restriction on residence, but in practice only a resident of the district could do the work.

[Mr. Meighen.]

Mr. BUREAU: The word "municipality" has a different meaning in other provinces from its meaning in Quebec. With us the boundaries of a municipality are co-extensive with those of the parish and of the school district. Would it not be well to say in section 42 "may appoint enumerators residing within the municipality in the province of Quebec or in the neighbouring municipality?"

Mr. MEIGHEN: I do not think there would be objection to that, although I would rather not amend it as I think it will work out in that way.

Mr. McCRANEY: Under the law as it now stands, lists of voters must be posted one day before nomination day, so that when the candidates are placed in the field there is a list of voters upon which to go. Under this Bill the lists will be posted up only during the last fifteen days 4 p.m. of the twenty-eight days in which the candidates are in nomination, so that there will be thirteen days in which there will be no lists and during which candidates will be in the field. I suggest a further extension of that time. When candidates are in the field the lists ought to be available. Then who are the persons qualified to nominate a candidate for Parliament? They are persons who are on the enumeration list. Are you not going to change the whole basis of your nomination? To-day the candidate is nominated one week before election day, and he is nominated by so many qualified electors, that is those whose names have been posted up the day before in a public place.

Mr. MEIGHEN: Not necessarily; he simply needs to be qualified. Being entitled to go on the list would be a qualification.

Mr. McCRANEY: The existing provision is that each enumerator, the day before nomination day, posts up two copies of the list in conspicuous places, one I think in the post office and another in a conspicuous place. There is no provision for the case of lists being torn down. That sometimes happens in rural districts. Lists disappear. They are posted on the outside of buildings. Has that point been covered so that the public will have before them continuously the lists? Under the new provision giving fifteen days for the posting up of the lists, there will be candidates definitely in the field before any lists are available. There is no provision under the old law for the delivery of copies of the enumerators'